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SUBJECT: Application by The University of Connecticut to join the North Atlantic Coast CESU

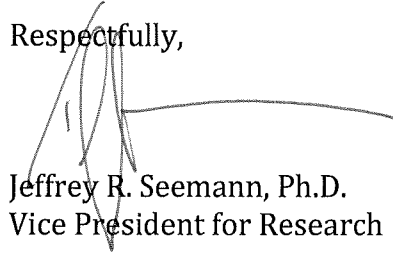
Dear Professor Swift:

By this letter and the accompanying application, The University of Connecticut expresses its desire to enroll as a nonfederal partner in the North Atlantic Coast Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit.

We confirm that the University of Connecticut has read the CESU agreement and agrees to support the CESU mission and goals and fulfill the roles and responsibilities of a nonfederal partner, as described in the CESU agreement. We certify that The University of Connecticut agrees to accept a limited overhead rate of 17.5% and cost items to which the rate is applicable for activities conducted through the CESU, including research, technical assistance, and educational services and that the overhead rate applies to the entire institution for CESU activities. In addition, we certify that The University of Connecticut agrees to relay agency-specific research, technical assistance and educational needs and associated funding opportunities to other institutional/organizational members, including faculty and students.

Thank you so much for your help in making this application. We will gladly provide any addition information that you would like to see to help in the review of the application.

Respectfully,



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