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Judith Swift
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Dear Dr. Swift:

I am pleased to submit the enclosed application from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science for consideration of partnership with the North Atlantic Coast Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit.

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) is the premier research and educational institution within the University System of Maryland (USM) working to understand and manage our world's natural resources. Our internationally-renowned scientists pursue solutions to environmental challenges in the Chesapeake Bay and around the world from a network of laboratories across the state. As noted in the enclosed application, UMCES research programs focus on marine, freshwater and estuarine ecosystems, with a focus on four key areas: Ecosystem-Based Management, Restoration Science, Climate Change Programs, and Environmental Observing Systems.

As the host of the Chesapeake Watershed CESU, we are committed to facilitating fiscally responsible scientific advancement and understanding for federal agencies. We are grateful for your consideration of our application, and urge you to contact Dr. David Secor (secor@umces.edu, 410-326-7229) or myself (arichmond@umces.edu, 410-221-2015) should you have any questions or need clarification on any aspect of our application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Richmond".

Angela Richmond
Director, Office of Research Administration and Advancement
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science