

**SECTION 1135 – WRDA 86, AS AMENDED**

**MODEL PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
FOR  
SECTION 1135 - CONTINUING AUTHORITY  
PROJECT MODIFICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

**MODEL HISTORY:**

**5 February 2007** - Model originally approved.

**22 January 2009** - Model revised to: 1) change PCA to PPA in the title and Whereas clauses; and 2) increase the Section 1135 annual program limit in the Whereas clauses and Article I.M. of the agreement.

**21 August 2012** - Model revised to: 1) correct note 45; 2) update text in Articles II.B.4.e., II.G., IV.A., V.D., VI.A.1., VI.A.2., XIII.A., and XIX.A.; and 3) delete old note 23 and the optional paragraph in Article II.A. allowing for deferral in the event total project costs exceeds a specified amount.

**25 February 2014** - Model revised to: 1) update text of notes 12, 15, and 36; 2) update text of Articles I.B., I.Q., II.N, VI.A.1., and VI.A.2.; and 3) add an optional Whereas clause, optional Article II.M., and optional Article VI.E. to the model.

**15 October 2014** - Model revised to: 1) correct note 50.E.; 2) revise text and amount for Section 1156 waiver in note 12, the applicable Whereas clause, and Article II.N.; 3) increase the per-project limit in notes 23.A. and 43.B., the applicable Whereas clause, and Article I.L.; 4) revise text in note 13 and Article II.B.5. to delete the 80% limit on in-kind contributions; 5) revise text in note 34 and VI.B.1. (both options) to delete letter of credit; 6) replace text of Article XI and revise text referring to labor laws in Articles II.B.4.g., IV.F. and V.C.; and 7) update text in Articles II.A.2. (options 1 & 2 only), II.B.4.e., II.B.4.f., II.G., IV.A., IV.C.1., VI.C.1., VI.D.3.a., and XV.B. of the agreement.

**Note:** For information regarding the approval authority and signature authority for a project specific agreement developed using the current version of the Section 1135 model, go to the Implementation Memo link to see the Section 1135 Model Implementation Memo, dated 21 February 2007.

**MODEL APPLICABILITY:**

The Section 1135 model is one of two models developed for implementing ecosystem restoration projects pursuant to Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2309a). The other model addresses Section 1135 projects (and separable elements thereof) with added features for recreation.

This model should be used only for Section 1135 projects (and separable elements thereof) that do not include any other project purposes. It should not be used for implementation of projects under any of the other CAP authorities, any other ecosystem restoration authority, nor for specifically authorized projects.

Further, this model is structured to address performance of design and construction of a Section 1135 project pursuant to one agreement, in accordance with the project implementation procedures outlined in Appendix F, ER 1105-2-100. However, optional language is included that allows this model to be used for Section 1135 projects where the planning and design was completed by the Government in accordance with the implementation procedures for Section 1135 projects in place prior to 31 January 2006.

1. An agreement using the optional language for performance of both design and construction may be approved and executed prior to compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations including, but not necessarily limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; hereinafter “NEPA”) and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1341). Compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations can be performed during the design portion of the agreement but **MUST** be completed prior to initiation of construction.

2. An agreement using the optional language for performance of construction only cannot be approved for execution prior to compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations including, but not necessarily limited to, NEPA and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1341).