

Contract for ROW Ecosystem Study Using an Integrated Vegetation Management Approach

Integrated Vegetation Management Partners Inc. (IVM Partners) agrees to provide the following services to _____ for scientific study of plant community changes along their _____ rights-of-way (ROW):

- Meet or communicate with agency or special interest groups on behalf of _____ to develop mutually beneficial vegetation management objectives.
- Review appropriate ROW sites and develop a comprehensive integrated vegetation management plan at each site that meets the primary objectives of _____ and the secondary objectives of public agencies or interested groups.
- Provide a pictorial summary of the vegetative changes and maintenance technique interventions starting with baseline of present conditions and subsequent changes annually over the period of this agreement.
- Provide professional botanical documentation of plant species growing on the ROW study sites annually. ROW study sites may be further divided by elevation or precipitation zones, “wire zone” and “border zone” areas within each ROW, and separated by wetland or upland habitats.
- Assist _____ in acquiring and directing trained contractors, or in training in-house employees, on the most up-to-date integrated vegetation management techniques.

- Develop plant data sets for each study site tracking the population of herb, shrub and tree species, and their relative dominance by stem count and/or ground cover density.
- Graph population trends to track effectiveness of management techniques in meeting primary and secondary objectives.
- Host a classroom and field workshop for _____ and invited agencies, interested groups, representatives, and media to provide third party representation of the developed best management practices.
- Provide a PowerPoint presentation that compiles a complete pictorial and data report and present at regional and/or national conferences and post the findings on the Internet at: www.ivmpartners.org

The signatories draft this agreement for studies beginning _____ and ending _____ for an annual total cost of fifteen thousand dollars \$15,000.00, payable at the commencement of each year's study. These studies may be extended for additional years and/or objectives added as needed and amended.

Signed this _____ day of _____

For IVM Partners

For _____

Richard A. Johnstone, President

Signature:

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