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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Center for Astrophysical Research and Technology (CART) has developed long-term research and education partnerships with the ionospheric physics/astrophysics/meteor physics/space weather research efforts at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) and at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). An important component of these partnerships involves UNM PhD students, drawn from PhD programs in Physics and Astronomy, who pursue PhD dissertation research under the supervision of AFRL, SNL, or NRAO scientific staff members. An AFRL, SNL or NRAO staff member who is closely involved with CART is made a National Laboratory Faculty Associate of CART and is given an academic appointment in Physics and Astronomy as either an Adjunct Professor of appropriate rank, or a Research Professor of appropriate rank. CART associates who regularly supervise CART PhD students are given the title of Research Professor.

Adjunct faculty from AFRL, SNL and NRAO who are associated with CART will be qualified for Dissertation Committees in Category Four. When they serve on a Dissertation Committee, they can be the external member of the Committee.

Research faculty from AFRL, SNL, and NRAO who are associated with CART will be qualified for Dissertation Committees in Category Three. Such a research faculty member can be the Chair of the Dissertation Committee of a student whose PhD research the research faculty member is supervising. When serving as a Chair of the Dissertation Committee, the research faculty member cannot also serve as the external member of the Committee. When not serving as Chair of the Dissertation Committee, the research faculty member can fill the role of external member of the Committee.

The UNDERSIGNED have approved this agreement.

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