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DURHAM, N.H. -- The U.S. Army Engineer Researcher and Development Center's (ERDC) Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) recently formed a "Partnership in Education" program.

The purpose of the partnership is to encourage and enhance study in the scientific disciplines of biology, earth science, and engineering, focusing on the properties and processes of the physical environment; the development and application of innovative man-made materials; the design and optimization of infrastructure systems; and the development and application of computer-based data management systems.

"We at UNH are very pleased to have this partnership agreement with ERDC-CRREL as it provides excellent opportunities for our students and faculty to engage in meaningful research projects of value to the nation," said Dr. Janet Campbell, interim vice president for research at UNH. "In the past, individual faculty members have enjoyed collaborations with CRREL scientists, but this formal partnership agreement opens the door for expanding our interactions to include students and more faculty members."

Commitments to this partnership include collaboration of both UNH students and faculty with ERDC technical staff. This will include the involvement of students in formal government research programs, teaming with UNH faculty on ERDC research, government researchers serving as mentors and classroom instructors in their area of expertise, and opportunities for sabbaticals at each others institutions.

"A partnership agreement such as this is a win-win situation for all involved," said Dr. Jon Zufelt, ERDC-CRREL technical director for Earth Sciences and Engineering. "It serves as a launching mechanism for students to learn and get exposure to the field of science and technology in the workplace, and for researchers to share their knowledge and experiences; thereby, extending a helping hand to the researchers of tomorrow."

CRREL, based in Hanover, N.H., and with field offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, is one of the seven laboratories that make up the ERDC. The ERDC is the premier research and development facility for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. CRREL's mission is to solve interdisciplinary, strategically important problems of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Army, Department of Defense, and the nation by advancing and applying science and engineering to complex environments, materials, and processes in all seasons and climates, with unique core competencies related to the earth's cold regions.

UNH was founded in 1866 and is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea and space-grant university, UNH is the state's

flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.
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