

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, is entered into this 27th day of July, 2004, by and between the State of Illinois, acting through the Illinois Department of Public Health and hereinafter called the "State" and the ALS Association.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the State has the duty to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health is responsible for protecting the state's 12.4 million residents, as well as countless visitors, through the prevention and control of disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is the only national not-for-profit voluntary health organization dedicated solely to the fight against ALS and the ALS Association's mission is to find a cure for and improving the lives of those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, the parties shall enter into a grant or award agreement, to be effective for fiscal year 2005 and subject to compliance with all applicable State law and necessary certifications, on the basis of the following terms, among others:

The State will agree:

1. To provide \$1,000,000 in State funding for the Lou Gehrig Challenge: Cure ALS Research program. The funding will go towards scientific research to determine the cause of ALS, develop effective treatment options, and toward the ultimate goal of finding a cure for ALS;

The ALS Association will agree:

2. To meet all duties and obligations imposed by state law respecting nonfederal-aid projects;
3. To promptly pay all contractors engaged on projects undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding;
4. To assume the responsibility for the initiatives of the ALS Association; and

The parties will mutually agree:

5. That, with respect to the State funding, project initiation will be the responsibility of the ALS Association and is to be coordinated with the State.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, State and the ALS Association have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their authorized representatives on the 27th Day of July 2004.

FOR THE ALS ASSOCIATION:



Gary A. Leo
President and CEO

FOR THE STATE:



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