GENERAL POLICY NO. 505
SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO AREA DEVELOPMENT

I. PURPOSE:
The Cooperative's Mission Statement and Principles encourages the Cooperative to participate in activities which will further the economic well-being of the area served by the Cooperative. This may include participation with other organizations whose objectives in the future development of the area are similar to those of the Cooperative.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:
It shall be the policy of the Cooperative to assist with and participate in activities of other organizations when those activities, as deemed by management, will benefit the people of the area served by the Cooperative.

III. RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY:
Implementation of this Policy shall be the responsibility of the CEO/General Manager.

IV. PROVISIONS:
The Cooperative may become involved or participate in various organizations. The following procedures and provisions shall apply to this policy:

A. The Cooperative may assign personnel and vehicles or equipment to aid the work of such groups if such assignment will not impair the operational activities of the Cooperative or add unreasonable risk to the Cooperative or its employees.

B. Whenever possible, a Cooperative employee will be designated as the liaison person with each organization.
V. **PRIMACY OF POLICY:**

This Policy supersedes any existing policy that may be in conflict with the provisions of this Policy.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Doug Schmier, President

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