ENTITY APPLICATION for an AGRICULTURAL LAND EASEMENT (ALE) AGREEMENT

Clear Form

Section A: Agreement Information		
1. This is an Entity Application for an ALE-Agreement through the: ***(Select Only One)*** **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easement[i] (ACEP-ALE)** **2014 Farm Bill Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Agreement – ACEP-ALE**		
2. Agreement Type: ***(Select Only One)*** Cooperative Agreement *(all eligible entity types)* Grant Agreement *(certified entities only)* Program Agreement *(all eligible entity types)*	**COMPLETE 2a and 2b FOR COOPERATIVE OR GRANT AGREEMENTS ONLY** **2a. Enrollment Type:** ***(Select Only One)*** General ALE Grassland of Special Environmental Significance (GSS) **2b. Transaction Type:** ***(Select Only One)*** Standard ALE Transaction Buy-Protect-Sell Transaction[ii]* **Entity application for buy-protect-sell transactions may only have 1 associated parcel sheet and must include all information required by the buy-protect-sell supplement to the application.*	
3. Application Date:	**4. State:**	**5. ACEP-ALE Application Number:** AGENCY USE

Section B: Primary Applicant Information – Applying as an Eligible Entity[iii] to Participate in ACEP-ALE	
1. Name - Applicant Eligible Entity:	**2. Telephone - Applicant Eligible Entity**
3. Address - Applicant Eligible Entity:	**4. Email - Applicant Eligible Entity**
5. Tax Identification Number (TIN) - Applicant Eligible Entity:	**6. Applicant Eligible Entity Type:** State Government Local Government Indian Tribe Nongovernmental Organization[i]
7. Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number - Applicant Eligible Entity _____ *If you do not have a DUNS number information is available at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform. To register with SAM, go to https://www.sam.gov/*	

8. Do you have entity records established with the appropriate USDA service center agency? *If no, you must establish them with the appropriate USDA service center agency prior to submitting this application*	**Yes**	**No**
9. Do you have the authority and capability to acquire, manage, and enforce agricultural land easements?	**Yes**	**No**
10. Are you an NRCS-Certified Eligible Entity[iv]?	**Yes**	**No**
11. How many eligible entity staff are dedicated to monitoring and easement stewardship?	_____	

Section C: ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:
Complete for each additional Eligible Entity that will be party to the ALE Agreement
(attach additional pages as needed)

1. Name - Additional Eligible Entity:	
2. TIN - Additional Eligible Entity:	**3. Additional Eligible Entity Type:** State Government Local Government Indian Tribe Nongovernmental Organization
4. DUNS Number - Additional Eligible Entity: *If you do not have a DUNS number information is available at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform. To register with SAM, go to https://www.sam.gov/*	

5. Do you have entity records established with the appropriate USDA service center agency? *If no, you must establish them with the appropriate USDA service center agency prior to submitting this application*	**Yes**	**No**
6. Do you have the authority and capability to acquire, manage, and enforce agricultural land easements?	**Yes**	**No**
7. Are you an NRCS-Certified Eligible Entity[iv]?	**Yes**	**No**
8. How many eligible entity staff are dedicated to monitoring and easement stewardship?	_____	

Signature of Authorized Eligible Entity Representative

Section D: CO-HOLDERS[v]
Complete for each legal entity that may be identified as a co-holder (grantee) on the agricultural land easement deed for any parcels[vi] associated with this application and is not listed in Section B or C as an eligible entity
(attach additional pages as needed)

1. Name - Co-holder Legal Entity:	
2. TIN - Co-holder Legal Entity:	**3. DUNS Number - Co-holder Legal Entity:**
(Optional) Signature of Co-holder Legal Entity Authorized Representative	
4. Name - Co-holder Legal Entity:	
5. TIN - Co-holder Legal Entity:	**6. DUNS Number - Co-holder Legal Entity:**
(Optional) Signature of Co-holder Legal Entity Authorized Representative	
7. Name - Co-holder Legal Entity:	
8. TIN - Co-holder Legal Entity:	**9. DUNS Number - Co-holder Legal Entity:**
(Optional) Signature of Co-holder Legal Entity Authorized Representative	

Section E: THIRD-PARTY RIGHT HOLDERS[vii]

Complete for each legal entity that will hold a third-party right, contingent right, or any other real property interest in an agricultural land easement on any parcels that may be associated with this application and is not listed in section B, C, or D.

(attach additional pages as needed)

1. Name – Third-Party Holder Legal Entity:	
2. TIN - Third-Party Holder Legal Entity:	**3. (Optional) DUNS Number - Third-Party Holder Legal Entity:**
(Optional) Signature of Third-Party Holder Legal Entity Authorized Representative	
4. Name - Third-Party Holder Legal Entity:	
5. TIN - Third-Party Holder Legal Entity:	**6. (Optional) DUNS Number - Third-Party Holder Legal Entity:**
(Optional) Signature of Third-Party Holder Legal Entity Authorized Representative	

COMPLETE SECTIONS F and G ONLY FOR an ACEP-ALE Cooperative or Grant Agreement as identified Section A, Box 2.

Section F: Easement Value and Compensation Costs

Complete the table below with the sum totals for all parcels associated with this application.
These values may be estimates, subject to the final values being determined by an NRCS-approved appraisal report or easement valuation methodology.

1. Total Estimated Fair Market Value of all ALEs *(Sum of Item (A) in Section D on all Parcel Sheets associated with this Entity Application)*	**$**
2. Total Estimated Entity Cash Contribution for all Parcels *(Sum of Item (B) in Section D on all Parcel Sheets associated with this Entity Application)*	**$**
3. Total Estimated Total Non-Federal Share for all Parcels *(Sum of Item (I) in Section D on all Parcel Sheets associated with this Entity Application)*	**$**
4. Total Requested Federal Share for ALEs *(Sum of Item (C) in Section D on all Parcel Sheets associated with this Entity Application)*	**$**

Section G: Roles, Contributions, and Distributions*

(As applicable to any legal entities identified in Sections B, C, D, and E)

5. Name of Entity	**6. Contribution: Estimated Entity Cash Contribution to all ALEs** • *May be provided by any legal entity identified in Section B, C, D, or E above* • *Total must equal item 2 above*	**7. Distribution: Estimated Federal Share for all ALEs** • *Federal share may only be paid to an Eligible Entity identified in Section B or C above* • *Total must equal item 4 above*
	$	**$**
	$	**$**
	$	**$**
	$	**$**

The Terms and Certifications below are applicable to applications for all ACEP-ALE Agreement Types:
Each identified Eligible Entity has reviewed the template Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) Agreement that stipulates the terms and conditions under which the Eligible Entity would be permitted to use the cost-share assistance applied for herein. Each Eligible Entity agrees to participate in the ACEP-ALE if NRCS and the Eligible Entity enter into an ALE-Agreement. However, nothing in this application obligates the United States or an Eligible Entity to purchase all or any of the agricultural land easements listed on the Parcel Sheets attached to or associated with this application. To identify future roles should this application be funded, an Eligible Entity may hereafter be also be referred to as "Participant." Participants understand that acquiring an agricultural land easement without satisfying the requirements set forth in the terms of the applicable ALE-agreement causes the agricultural land easement to be ineligible for ACEP cost-share assistance. It is the responsibility of the Participants to provide accurate data to support all items addressed in this application at the request of NRCS. Participants acknowledge that NRCS is relying upon the veracity of the information submitted for purposes of awarding Federal funds and that the submittal of false information may be subject to criminal or civil fraud statutes. Participants are required to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submitting this application and must provide a valid Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number on this application. Each Participant must continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active application for funding under consideration and at all times for the duration of any ALE-Agreement entered into under the program. NRCS may not enter into an ALE-Agreement with an Eligible Entity until all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements have been met. If an Eligible Entity has not fully complied with these requirements by the time NRCS is ready to award the ALE-Agreement, NRCS may determine that the Eligible Entity is not qualified to receive an ALE-Agreement and use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant. The Participant certifies that all highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for each Landowner of record for each parcel associated with this entity application are on file with the appropriate USDA service center agency and are up to date.

PRIMARY APPLICANT ELIGIBLE ENTITY CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES: *Primary Applicant Eligible Entity identified in Section B must complete the following section*		***Check Each Box***
I certify that the Applicant Eligible Entity has the resources necessary to acquire, monitor, manage, and enforce the easements being applied for and acknowledge that additional documentation to substantiate this may be required to receive Federal cost-share assistance.		☐
I have received and reviewed a copy of the required ALE-Agreement and associated attachments and understand that the terms of the agricultural land easement deed must address the provisions required as a condition of participation in ACEP-ALE as identified in the ALE-agreement.		☐
Signature of Applicant Eligible Entity Authorized Representative	**Date**	

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i **Agricultural land easement** means an easement or other interest in eligible land that is conveyed for the purposes of protecting natural resources and the agricultural nature of the land and of promoting agricultural viability for future generations and permits the Landowner the right to continue agricultural production and related uses subject to the terms of the easement.

ii **Buy-Protect-Sell transaction** means a legal arrangement between an eligible entity and NRCS relating to land owned or being purchased by an eligible entity on a transitional basis during which an agricultural land easement will be secured on eligible private or Tribal land, and ownership of the land transferred to a qualified farmer or rancher following conditions specified by NRCS.

iii **Eligible Entity** means a State or local government, Indian Tribe, or nongovernmental organization that NRCS has determined to meet the requirements of 7 CFR Section 1468.20(b). An **Eligible Entity** must be identified as a holder (grantee) on an agricultural land easement deed acquired on any parcels that may be associated with this application. An **Eligible Entity** is considered a participant in ACEP-ALE, must be party to the ALE-agreement, may receive direct payment of ACEP-ALE cost-share funds, and must have current registration in DUNS and SAM.

iv **Certified Entity** means an eligible entity that NRCS has determined to meet the requirements of 7 CFR Section 1468.26. An Entity may only be certified by the Chief of NRCS.

v **Co-Holder** is any legal entity identified as a co-holder (grantee) in an agricultural land easement deed held by an Eligible Entity on a parcel associated with this application. A **Co-holder** is not considered a participant in ACEP-ALE and may not receive a direct payment of ACEP-ALE cost-share funds; however, a **Co-holder** is a beneficiary of such Federal funds and therefore must acknowledge their agreement to comply with the terms of an ALE-agreement and must have current registration in DUNS and SAM.

vi **Parcel** means a farm or ranch submitted for consideration for funding under ACEP-ALE.

vii **Third-Party Right Holder** is any legal entity that is not identified as a grantee but is instead identified as a holder of a third-party right, contingent right, or any other real property interest in an agricultural land easement deed held by an Eligible Entity on a parcel associated with this application. A **Third-Party Right Holder** is not considered a participant in ACEP-ALE, may not receive a direct payment of ACEP-ALE cost-share funds, is not a beneficiary of the Federal funds, and is not required to be registered in DUNS and SAM.