Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Forest Standard

This is the FY 2014 Ranking Tool for Standard (not Historically Underserved) Pacific Islands Area participants addressing "Forest" land use, including grazed and/or wildlife modifiers. This will address environmental resource concerns associated primarily with forestry operations and will be used for all 2014 EQIP applications assigned to the county "Forest Standard" fund code. Priority Pacific Islands Area forestry resource concerns along with conservation practices to resolve those concerns will be considered for funding. Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) are available within this funding pool and are set to receive the highest priority for funding when ranked within this funding pool. Field Offices are required to follow all programmatic and technical policies when planning and implementation practices.

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes O or No O
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes O or No O
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes O or No O
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes O or No O
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes O or No O
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes O or No O
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Application/Contract Addresses Development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP):	
1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Resource Concerns Addressed by this Application/Contract:	
1. Soil Erosion: Sheet, Rill, Wind, and/or Concentrated Flow (Classic Gully, Ephemeral Gully)	Yes O or No O
2. Water Quality: Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters	Yes O or No O
3. Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Yes O or No O
4. Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Yes O or No O
5. Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation	Yes O or No O
6. 1-2 Resource Concerns addressed in addition to those listed above	Yes O or No O
7. 3 or more Resource Concerns addressed in addition to those listed above	Yes O or No O
Conservation Plan Type Addressed by this Application/Contract:	
1. Conservation Plan is an RMS Plan (all identified resource concerns treated to the planning criteria - refer to Conservation Planning Tech Note #1)	Yes O or No O
2. Conservation Plan is a Progressive Plan addressing 4 or more resource concerns	Yes O or No O
3. Conservation Plan is a Progressive Plan addressing 2-3 resource concerns	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Application/Contract Addresses Development of a Conservation Activity Plan:	
1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Answer "Yes" to the conservation practices that are planned for installation as part of this application.	
1. One or more of the following practices: Multi-Story Cropping (379), Riparian Forest Buffer (391),	Yes O or No O

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)	
2. One or more of the following practices: Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315), Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490), Woody Residue Treatment (384)	Yes O or No O
3. One or more of the following practices: Conservation Cover (327), Critical Area Planting (342)	Yes O or No O
4. One or more of the following practices: Forest Stand Improvement (666), Fuelbreak (383)	Yes O or No O
5. Mulching (484)	Yes O or No O
6. One or more of the following practices: Access Control (472), Restoration & Management of Rare & Declining Habitats (643), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Wetland Wildlife Habitat Treatment (644)	Yes O or No O
Does this application address habitat management for wildlife or pollinators (at least one field should have the "wildlife" land use modifier)?	
1. Yes. This application will include wildlife and/or pollinator habitat related practices.	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.