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.

2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?

2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?

2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?

3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?

3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?

3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?

4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?

4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?

4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?

5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?

5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?

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?

6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?

High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:

5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?

5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?
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 (122,124)?  
   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

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Wildlife Habitat Benefits (For WHEG questions note it has to be an increase not a WHEG Score.)

7. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.7.  Yes O or No O

8. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.6, but <0.7.  Yes O or No O

9. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.5, but <0.6.  Yes O or No O

10. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.4, but <0.5.  Yes O or No O

11. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.3, but <0.4.  Yes O or No O

12. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.2, but <0.3.  Yes O or No O

13. Do the project practices enhance habitats for identified threatened or endangered species found in the project area?  Yes O or No O

Ecological Site/Similarity Index

15. Will the practices when implemented provide for an increase of at least 5% above the current similarity index?  Yes O or No O

16. Will the practices when implemented provide for an increase of at least 10% above the current similarity index?  Yes O or No O

17. Will the practices when implemented provide for an increase of at least 15% above the current similarity index?  Yes O or No O

Other Resource Benefits

18. Will a fire suppression practice be included in the contract (fire resistant borders)?  Yes O or No O

19. Do the project practices provide control on the contracted acres for noxious or invasive species identified by the county weed control board?  Yes O or No O

Energy Conservation

20. Does the application contain practices to address an alternative energy source (solar, wind, hydro)?  Yes O or No O

Other Concerns

21. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?  Yes O or No O

22. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule or in non-compliance?  Yes O or No O

Land Use:

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Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

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