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CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANUAL (CPM)
440-V-CPM, PART 514
AMENDMENT IA4

SUBJECT: PGM – MAKING AN OFFER TO THE LANDOWNER

Purpose. To provide guidance on making an offer to the landowner.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Contact. If there are questions about this amendment, contact Larry Beeler, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, at 515/284-4353 or by email at larry.beeler@ia.usda.gov or Monica Monk, Easement Programs Coordinator, at 515/284-4222 or by email at monica.monk@ia.usda.gov.

Filing Instructions.

Insert
Subpart E – Easement Acquisition
IA514.29 Option Agreement to Purchase

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This amendment will be posted on the Iowa NRCS Employee Website, which can be accessed at <http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/> under the Iowa NRCS eDirectives System section.

/s/Richard Sims
State Conservationist

Attachment

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Title 440 – Conservation Programs Manual

Part 514 - Wetlands Reserve Program

Subpart E - Easement Acquisition

IA514.29 Making the Offer to the Landowner

a. Option Agreement to Purchase

In Iowa, to adjust the easement value after survey the NRCS will:

If the easement application is less than 5 percent of an acreage difference between pre and post official boundary survey boundary, the value will be administratively adjusted by proportionately adjusting the value based on the percentage of land in each land category in the original application.

If the easement application has a greater than a 5 percent acreage difference between pre and post official boundary survey placement, the value will be calculated using an updated soil/CSR worksheet of the surveyed acres.

Any modification of an easement boundary after the application has been enrolled must be approved in advance by the State Office. Justification must be provided to the State Office as to why this easement boundary adjustment is necessary; such as, the boundary change was out of the control of the landowner, it produces a more manageable boundary, etc. Any boundary adjustments after enrollment will require a statement/supplement information from the field office submitting the application on how eligibility and the ranking score will be affected/changed (if at all) by boundary adjustment so that the State Office can determine if this boundary change can be approved.