

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
GoMI MS Gulf of Mexico FY13**

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: GoMI MS Gulf of Mexico FY13 | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | Telephone: | |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which: | |
| 3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which: | |
| 5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which: | |

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| 7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which: | |
| 8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

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| 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 state priority category. | |
| 1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP (102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Include at least 3 practices. | |
| 2. Will treatment include at least 3 of the following practices? (Conservation Crop Rotation - 328, Cover Crop - 340, Riparian Forest Buffer - 391, Filter Strip - 393, Drainage Water Management - 554, Streambank and Shoreline Protection - 580, Nutrient Management - 590, Pest Management - 595) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Practice 410 or Practice 350 | |
| 3. Will treatment include Practice Code 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure or Practice Code 350 - Sediment Basin? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Treatment must include ALL. | |
| 4. Will treatment include ALL of the following practices? (Dike - 356, Grassed Waterway - 412, Drainage Water Management - 554, and Structure for Water Control - 587) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Practice 590 | |
| 5. Will Precision Agriculture (590) be applied? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Contract Management | |
| 6. Has applicant had a previous contract and failed to complete contract items on schedule? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Historically Underserved | |
| 7. Has applicant self-certified as a historically underserved farmer? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Recovery Cost | |
| 8. Has applicant NEVER been required to pay recovery cost ? If applicant has NEVER paid recovery costs, answer YES. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

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| Include one or more practices. | |
| 2. Will treatment include one or more of the following practices? (Herbaceous Weed Control - 315, Silvopasture Management - 381, Grassed Waterway - 412, Forage and Biomass Planting - 512, Heavy Use Protection Area - 561, Stream Crossing - 578, Tree/Shrub Establishment - 612) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Include irrigation practice(s). | |
| 3. Will application include Practice 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation, Practice 442 - Irrigation System, Sprinkler, or Practice 449 - Irrigation Water Management? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Active Gullies | |
| 4. Will treatments result in all active gullies being controlled? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Invasive Species | |
| 5. Will invasive species be treated? (cogongrass or smutgrass) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Historically Underserved | |
| 6. Has applicant self-certified as a historically underserved farmer? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| 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.

Notes:

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| NRCS Representative: Signature Date: | Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date: |
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