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## **KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-12-51**

### **SUBJECT: LTP—Conservation Stewardship Program— Fiscal Year 2012 Signup 1**

**Purpose:** To provide guidance on requesting Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP08) waivers to commence enhancements by September 30, 2012, for CSP08 signup 2012-1

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2013

All CSP08 applicants are required to schedule one enhancement in fiscal year (FY) 2012 under the proposed contract. While some enhancements can be installed before September 30, 2012, some enhancements may pose a challenge. In order to ensure that all participants receive a FY 2012 payment, a waiver may be requested for those unable to meet the September 30, 2012, deadline.

Applicants who cannot adopt at least one enhancement in the first FY of the contract may be permitted to schedule the enhancement in the Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT) for FY 2012 as long as they show proof that they commenced the practice before September 30, 2012. An enhancement is considered commenced if the participant can provide evidence of commitment of labor or incurred cost. The CSP-2012-1 Certification of Practice Commencement (Attachment 1) shall be used for this option and kept in the case file. **It does not need to be submitted to the area or state office.**

Applicants who cannot adopt at least one enhancement by September 30, 2012, may schedule an enhancement for FY 2012 if, and only if, the enhancement will be implemented or installed before December 31, 2012. The CSP (2012-1) FY 2012 Enhancement Scheduling Waiver Request (Attachment 2), shall be used to request a waiver in this case. This option must be submitted to the state conservationist for approval. Field offices shall upload these waivers via e-Contracts "waiver" folder and send an email notification to the area office. Area offices shall review submissions for accuracy and completeness and then submit to the state office using the eContracts "notification" button.

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A national memo authorizing state conservationists to use waivers to ensure that all CSP08 participants have the opportunity to earn a FY 2012 contract payment is posted on the Kansas SharePoint website under the CSP SU 2012-1 folder.

All CSP08 waivers must be completed by **September 14, 2012**.

**Contact:** Please forward questions through established channels to Xiomara Eaves, Resource Conservationist, at (785) 823-4568 or [xiomara.eaves@ks.usda.gov](mailto:xiomara.eaves@ks.usda.gov).

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Attachments