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## **KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-13-51**

### **SUBJECT: LTP–Environmental Quality Incentives Program–Fiscal Year 2013 National Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative, National On-Farm Energy Initiative, and National Organic Initiative–Second Application Evaluation Period Cutoff Date**

- Action required by:** May 17, 2013 (Field Offices [FOs]  
June 7, 2013
- Action required by:** May 24, 2013 (Area Offices [AOs])  
June 21, 2013
- Action required by:** May 31, 2013 (State Office [SO])

**Purpose.** To provide guidance for administering the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) National Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative (NSHTI), National On-Farm Energy Initiative (NOFEI), and National Organic Initiative (NOI) second application evaluation period cutoff date

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2014

#### **Background**

The first application evaluation period cutoff date for FY 2013 NSHTI, NOFEI, and NOI were announced through bulletins KS300-13-24, KS300-13-31, and K300-13-32, respectively. Additional initiative funds remain following this evaluation period; therefore, a second cutoff date is being announced by this bulletin.

#### **Guidance**

All guidance provided in KS300-13-24 for the NSHTI, KS300-13-31 for the NOFEI and KS300-13-32 for the NOI shall be used for the second application evaluation period with the exception that each application shall have the number 2 selected for the Signup Number in Program Contracts System (ProTracts) and the deadlines as detailed below.

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## **Deadlines**

Although applications for EQIP are accepted continuously, the FY 2013 second application evaluation period cutoff date for NSHTI, NOFEI, and NOI applications has been set for April 19, 2013.

FOs will have conservation plans and application rankings completed by May 17, 2013.

AOs will ensure peer reviews of rankings have been completed by May 24, 2013.

The SO Programs Staff will make funding decisions by May 31, 2013.

FOs will have all approved applications and documentation entered in electronic contracts (eContracts) by June 7, 2013.

Assistant state conservationists for field operations (ASTCs-FO) will ensure that all contracts have been obligated in ProTracts by June 21, 2013.

Approved applications over \$150,000 will follow guidance issued in Bulletin KS300-13-50. The ASTCs-FO will need to submit the request as soon as possible to meet the program deadlines.

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