

## Part 500 – Introduction

### KS500.0 Purpose

D. Engineering work in Kansas will be provided in accordance with the following guidelines.

- (1) Engineering assistance
  - (i) The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides engineering assistance in the form of investigations, planning, design, and construction inspection so conservation practices are installed in a sound manner. Proper operation and maintenance of the measures will be outlined with the owner at the time of installation.
  - (ii) NRCS will furnish engineering assistance through conservation districts to the following:
    - Individual land users
    - Watershed districts
    - Groups of land users having a mutual conservation or resource management problem
    - Legally organized groups
    - State, counties, municipalities, and other units of government concerned with resource management according to procedures outlined in Title 180-National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH)
  - (iii) NRCS will plan and design works of improvement only when assured that they will be constructed as planned. Technical assistance will be withdrawn whenever it is known that specifications are not being or will not be followed.
  - (iv) For large projects (other than Public Law 83-566 [P.L. 566] projects), NRCS will—upon request from the conservation district(s)—make preliminary investigations to determine feasibility. A preliminary investigation report, as a part of an inventory and evaluation, will be developed as outlined in the NPPH. Local interests should be encouraged to hire a consulting engineer(s) and geologist(s) to make detailed investigations, engineering surveys, project designs, specifications, and cost estimates. When requested, NRCS will review the design and construction inspection to determine that the project meets NRCS standards within our available personnel time, resources, and authority. If more than an estimated 60 working days of assistance are required for a project, the assistant state conservationist for field operations (ASTC-FO) must submit a resource plan that states how staff will be used to accomplish this and obtain approval from the state conservationist before committing NRCS technical assistance.
- (2) Scheduling and engineering assistance
  - (i) For each job on which engineering assistance is needed, the supervisory district conservationist/district conservationist (SDC/DC) will submit a request to the ASTC-FO that states the details concerning the nature of the project, the assistance desired, survey and other field data available, producer's interest, and the date that the assistance is needed. The SDC/DC will keep the area

engineering staff advised whenever there is a change in the priority or target date for construction.

- (ii) All requests for state office engineering assistance that require more than five working days will be made by the ASTC-FO to the state conservation engineer on [Form KS-MGT-2, Request for Assistance](#). Assistance on smaller projects may be coordinated directly with the assigned staff persons.