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SUBJECT: LTP - Producer-Selected TA Funds

Purpose. Transmit information for administering ProTracts TA Funds within program contracts

Expiration Date. September 30, 2007

ACTION REQUIRED BY DISTRICT CONSERVATIONISTS BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

This is a reminder that all FY 2006 producer-selected Technical Assistance funds, administered through ProTracts, must be completed and paid prior to September 15, 2007.

FY 2006 funded TA contract items not completed and paid by the September 15, 2007 cutoff should be deleted from the contract. Please do not try to modify the scheduled year in ProTracts as this will cause ProTracts to de-obligate the existing TA and add new current year TA funds to the contract. We are currently past the cutoff date for adding FY 2007 TA into contracts.

Work covered under FY 2007 producer-selected Technical Assistance funds should also be completed by the end of this fiscal year. However, we do have limited flexibility to extend into FY 2008. Any work not completed by the end of the current fiscal year should be reviewed to ensure that it is in progress and that the completion is imminent.

The funding amount originally calculated from the TSP not-to-exceed rates (NTE) in TechReg at <http://techreg.usda.gov> is the rate used to calculate the AM payment. However, this could be modified in situations where the NTE rate was calculated improperly or in cases where the extent used to calculate the NTE rate was underestimated. Please note that the actual NTE as identified in TechReg does not change. If you have this situation please contact Alan Fulk, Central Area Program Liaison for assistance.

If you have any other questions regarding this process, please contact your local Program Liaison.

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