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## **Natural Resources Conservation Service Announces Funds For Georgia's 2013 Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Program**

ATHENS, GA, May 1, 2013 --- State Conservationist, James E. Tillman, Sr., for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Georgia today announced that the NRCS is requesting applications for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications are due by June 3.

For fiscal year 2013, up to \$300,000 is available for the Georgia State CIG competition. Individual grants will not exceed \$75,000 from NRCS. Funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive grants process. Applications are requested from eligible government or non-government organizations, or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between one and three years in duration.

Applications may be submitted electronically at the [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) Web site or hard copy which must be received in the Georgia NRCS State Office by 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) June 3. The address for the U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivered applications, or applications submitted using express mail or overnight courier service is: Dale Bogardus, State CIG Technical Contact, NRCS, 355 East Hancock Avenue, Mail Stop 200, Athens, GA 30601.

Funding Categories include the following; Energy, Adaptation to Drought and Specialty Crops. A description of each of these funding categories can be found at the Georgia NRCS web site, <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ga/programs/financial/cig/>.

A full announcement of the Georgia CIG State Component is available on-line at <http://www.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=f1ByR27DJyTv9mgnRHpTS9cS3w1xFhc0mnsBQnC2vlwkfkH7y0Fm!774167503>. A search by agency (Browse by Agency), and a more detailed search, selecting "Department of Agriculture," should aid in locating the Georgia Conservation Innovation Grant State Component.

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NRCS is USDA's lead conservation agency and has worked hand-in-hand with farmers and landowners for 78 years to conserve natural resources on private lands.

Georgia landowners can learn more about conserving natural resources by contacting NRCS Georgia through USDA Service Centers or by visiting the NRCS Georgia homepage at [www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov).

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