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SUBJECT: LTP–Fiscal Year 2014 Environmental Quality Incentives Program General Cutoff Date

Action required by: November 15, 2013

Purpose. To announce the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) general application evaluation period cutoff date and to provide direction on announcing program availability

Expiration Date. September 30, 2015

The FY2014 application evaluation period cutoff date for EQIP general financial assistance funds has been set for **November 15, 2013**. Applications for EQIP funds are to be accepted on a continuing basis; however, applications received after this date will be processed in the next evaluation period.

NOTE: Applications received after this date will be kept in "pending" status in Program Contracts System (ProTracts) until a new cutoff date is announced. Application evaluation and ranking must not occur until the applicant eligibility is determined. After eligibility is determined, applications may be move to "eligible" or "ineligible" status in ProTracts per Title 440, Conservation Programs Manual (CPM), Part 512, Section 512.24.

The EQIP offers additional points in the ranking criteria for applicants who request conservation plans prior to August 31, 2013. Deferred applications from FY2013 meet this requirement; therefore, these applications should receive the additional points.

Per Title 440, CPM, Part 512, Section 512.27, all eligible but unfunded applications in the previous funding period are to be set to "deferred." A deferral letter is available in ProTracts to be sent to the participant. Participants are given the option to continue with the application as is, modify the application, or cancel the application.

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Cancellations must be received in writing and designated as “cancelled” in ProTracts. Applications that participants wish to continue with should be “promoted” to the next FY.

Note: An application for any deceased person will be canceled. Successors willing to continue the application must sign a new application.

Dates for ProTracts entries, screening tool entries, ranking and peer reviews, second level reviews, and obligations will be issued in the FY2014 EQIP General Cutoff Dates and Deadline bulletin.

If all funds are not utilized, a second application evaluation period cutoff date may be announced.

Designated conservationists shall announce FY2014 program availability. News releases and advertisements are available on the Kansas NRCS Share Point.

Contact: Forward questions, through established channels, to Corey L. Nelson, Resource Conservationist for Programs, at 785-823-4580, or corey.nelson@ks.usda.gov.

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