

Selecting a TSP Guide Sheet

Producer Considerations

1. Discuss your expectations.
 - a. Develop a set of goals and objectives for the proposed project.
 - b. Meet NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (CPS) and permitting requirements.
 - c. The timeframe for completing a design and implementing the design.
2. Discuss past experience in the design and implementation of the proposed type of project.
3. Discuss project budget and timeline.
4. Discuss TSP's experience in working with relevant agencies like the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) (State Permitting Agency), and NRCS.
5. Consider geographic location of the firm (the closer the TSP is to the work will generally reduce the cost).
6. Consider contacting past clients concerning their experience with the TSP.
7. Discuss payment for services.
8. Discuss who will administer the construction contract and select the contractor.
9. Discuss what happens if you have a poor contractor and you need more oversight of the project.