

**Statement to Confirm Matching Funds
 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)
 For ACEP-ALE Enrollments through a Buy-Protect-Sell Transaction*
 2018 Farm Bill**

The following information is required prior to the dispersal of the Federal share of ACEP financial assistance funds for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE through a buy-protect-sell transaction.* The purpose of this form is to identify and confirm sources of the non-Federal share.

ACEP-ALE Parcel Name: _____

ACEP-ALE Agreement #: _____ **Parcel Contract #:** _____

State: _____ **County, Parish, or Borough:** _____

ACEP-ALE Enrollment Type: <i>(Check One)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General ACEP-ALE
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ACEP-ALE Grasslands of Special Environmental Significance (GSS)
Buy-Protect Sell Transaction Type: <i>(Check One)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-closing transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-closing transfer, Interim Easement Holder Scenario
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-closing transfer, Interim Landowner Scenario

A. Appraised fair market value of the agricultural land easement	\$
B. Federal share ^{1/} for payment of easement compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For General ALE, Item B must not exceed 50% of Item A • For ACEP-ALE-GSS, Item B must not exceed 75% of Item A 	\$
C. Eligible Entity contribution ^{2/} provided as the amount of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement, less the amount of the Federal share, provided through the conveyance of the agricultural land easement by the eligible entity (C = A - B) ^{3/}	\$
^{1/} At a minimum the easement purchase price is equal to the Federal share (Item B). ^{2/} Eligible Entity contribution made through the eligible entity's conveyance of an agricultural land easement (Item C) may be comprised of the extent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement that is not provided as the Federal Share. Item C may not include any amounts provided by the qualified farmers or ranchers to whom ownership of the parcel has been or will be transferred and may not include any other costs (e.g. administrative, planning, stewardship) or nonmonetary items (e.g., in-kind activities, land from another parcel). ^{3/} If C = A - B as described above, Item C satisfies the minimum non-Federal share requirement.	

* Do not use this form if the non-Federal share includes a cash contribution for payment of easement compensation to the qualified farmer or rancher landowner or a landowner donation toward easement value in the form of a qualified conservation contribution (as defined by section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or a charitable donation provided by the qualified farmer or rancher landowner; use instead the Form NRCS-CPA-230E for a General ALE enrollment or the Form NRCS-CPA-230F for an ACEP-ALE-GSS enrollment.

D. Easement Acquisition Related Costs^{4/} Paid By: <i>(enter an amount for each item)</i>	Eligible Entity^{5/}
D1. Agricultural Land Easement Appraisal <i>(by certified appraiser to USPAP/UASFLA standards)</i>	\$
D2. Easement Boundary Survey <i>(by licensed surveyor and meeting State standards)</i>	\$
D3. Phase-I Environmental Site Assessment <i>(by qualified environmental professional and meeting 40 CFR 312 standards)</i>	\$
D4. Title Commitments/Reports	\$
D5. Title Insurance	\$
D6. Easement Closing Costs	\$
D7. Baseline Report	\$
D8. Mineral Assessment	\$
E. Stewardship and Monitoring Costs: <i>(enter amounts)</i>	
E1. Stewardship Funds Contributed by Eligible Entity <i>(from sources other than the Qualified Farmer or Rancher)</i>	\$
E2. Stewardship Funds Contributed by Qualified Farmer or Rancher ^{6/} <i>(Limited to 2% of item A, unless entity has submitted to NRCS documentation for Landowner contributions of stewardship funds in excess of 2% of item A)</i>	\$
<p>^{4/}For items D1 through D8, enter only the cost of the item procured from a third-party for the provision of the listed report or service that meets the applicable ACEP-ALE requirements. Enter the amount paid by the Eligible Entity at the time these items are procured.</p> <p>^{5/}Any portion of the amount listed above for items D1 through D8 that are included as holding and transaction costs in the amount of the sale of the Parcel to the qualified farmer or rancher will not be included in the calculation of the non-Federal share and must be documented on Form NRCS-CPA-1269.</p> <p>^{6/} For item E2, enter actual amount or if the qualified farmer or rancher landowner is not yet identified, enter the estimated amount.</p>	

Certifications: ACEP-ALE Statement to Confirm Matching Funds

Qualified Farmer or Rancher Landowner *(To be completed only by the qualified farmer or rancher landowner to whom fee title ownership of the Parcel has been or will be transferred if identified at the time this NRCS-CPA-230G is completed, otherwise leave blank. Attach additional signature pages as needed.)*

I certify that the information on this supporting form for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE is true, correct, and complete. I have been informed that the dollar amount listed above is the appraised fair market value of the agricultural land easement. I certify that I am not contributing funds towards the conveyance of this agricultural land easement, either through the donation of easement value or cash provided for payment of easement compensation. I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility for the ACEP.

Landowner Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Landowner Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Landowner Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Landowner Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRANTEE (Eligible Entity) *(attach additional signature pages as needed)*

I certify that the information on this supporting form for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE is true, correct, and complete. I further certify that the Eligible Entity's own contributions and costs as listed above have not come from additional donations, payments, loans, or fees made by or charged to the above-identified qualified farmers or ranchers, immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the qualified farmers or ranchers, either through formal or informal agreements, excepting those amounts for easement acquisition related costs included as holding and transaction costs in the amount of the sale of the Parcel to the qualified farmer or rancher and documented on Form NRCS-CPA-1269. I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility of the entity for the ACEP.

Eligible Entity Name (please print): _____

Authorized Official (please print): _____

Signature by Authorized Official: _____ Date: _____

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I certify that I have communicated directly with the parties identified above, who have confirmed to me all of the information listed above is true, correct, and complete. The parties understand that the amount of the Federal share is the extent of ACEP-ALE funds that may be provided less any commensurate reduction pursuant to the adjusted gross income limitations in 7 CFR part 1400.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature by NRCS Representative: _____ Date: _____