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WA Technical Service Providers (TSP)

We need more!

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WA NRCS TSP Needed

WA NRCS has Technical Service Provider (TSPs) (consultants) that can provide conservation technical services to eligible Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) EQIP participants in two broad areas:

Financial assistance funding (ie: CAP* 102, CAP 106)

•1. Develop conservation activity plans (CAPs); a conservation plan that identifies the specific conservation practices to address a specific natural resource need such as nutrient or manure management, forest stewardship plan, or energy.

Technical assistance funding (ie: Irrigation designs)

- 2. Planning, designing and implementing of conservation practices.
- 3. Plan, design, lay out and install conservation practices;
- 4. Inspect completed practices for certification

*Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)

WA Common CAP Categories

Conservation activity plans (CAP)s: **Highlighted** CAPs need more TSPs.

CAP 138 Agricultural Energy Management Plan

CAP 102 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan

CAP 138 Conservation Plan supporting Organic Transitioning

CAP 106 Forest Management Plan

CAP 110 Grazing Management Plan

CAP 154 Pest Management Plan for Herbicide Residence Weeds

CAP 114 Integrated Pest Management Plan

CAP 104 Nutrient Management Plan (Commercial Fertilizer)

CAP 146 Pollinator Habitat Plan

CAP 116 Soil Health Management Plan coming in 2021

EQIP requires a producer to have a completed CAP 102 to be eligible for farmstead conservation practices. A completed CAP 106 is needed to be eligible for any forest conservation practices.

Certified TSP: CNMP – CAP 102 example

Education : Bachelor or higher-level degree in agronomy, soil science, plant science, or related nutrient management studies.

Experience : At least two (2) year of experience and knowledge in planning, design, layout, of manure and nutrient management practices.

Experience in Plan Development :

- Provided on-site conservation planning assistance to producers under the supervision of a Certified CNMP planner for at least two (2) years.
- Provide two (2) plans based on current CNMP CAP criteria from two (2) separate locations
- Two (2) associated customer references where technical services have been provided to document your experience and proficiency in the planning, designing, installation/layout, and checkout of the manure and nutrient management practices.

CNMP must cover resource concerns: Water Quality, Air Quality and Soil Erosion

80 hours of Training Module(s) for those seeking CNMP Certification located on the NRCS TSP Website, more information in NRCS TechReg.

Become a WA TSP

Step by Step Guide in TechReg, NRCS's Online TSP Registry and help desk.

CAP Categories and Criteria Options for Certification Resumes, Certifications, Training, Licenses, and Sample Plans are all submitted to TSP Registry.

The maximum rates for technical services are listed under the [Technical Service Payment Rates](#) section of the TechReg website.

You will be on a list in TechReg for the agricultural producer to select. You work for the Producer not NRCS.



Practice	Scenario Name	Total Scenario
102 - Compreh	Non-Dairy Operation Less Than 300 AU with Land Application	\$9,874.46
102 - Compreh	Dairy Operation Less Than 300 AU with Land Application	\$12,315.17
102 - Compreh	Non-Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 300 AU and Less Than 700 AU with Land Application	\$12,718.08
102 - Compreh	Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 300 AU and Less Than 700 AU with Land Application	\$14,074.94
102 - Compreh	Non-Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 700 AU with Land Application	\$15,362.30
102 - Compreh	Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 700 AU with Land Application	\$15,652.70
102 - Compreh	Livestock Operation Less Than 300 AU without Land Application	\$8,882.50
102 - Compreh	Livestock Operation Greater Than 300 AU without Land Application	\$11,032.80
102 - Compreh	CNMP Less Than or Equal to 300 AU with Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)	\$5,634.24
102 - Compreh	CNMP Less Than or Equal to 300 AU without Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)	\$3,359.04
102 - Compreh	CNMP Greater Than 300 AU with Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)	\$7,541.28
102 - Compreh	CNMP Greater Than 300 AU without Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)	\$3,814.08
102 - Compreh	CNMP Revision	\$4,182.24
104 - Nutrient	Nutrient Management CAP Less Than or Equal to 100 Acres (Not part of a CNMP)	\$2,912.40
104 - Nutrient	Nutrient Management CAP 101-300 Acres (Not part of a CNMP)	\$3,883.20
104 - Nutrient	Nutrient Management CAP Greater Than 300 Acres (Not part of a CNMP)	\$4,854.00
104 - Nutrient	Nutrient Management CAP Less Than or Equal to 100 Acres (Element of a CNMP)	\$4,854.00
104 - Nutrient	Nutrient Management CAP 101-300 Acres (Element of a CNMP)	\$6,795.60
104 - Nutrient	Nutrient Management CAP Greater Than 300 Acres (Element of a CNMP)	\$8,251.80
106 - Forest M	FMP Less Than or Equal to 20 acres	\$1,695.41
106 - Forest M	FMP 21 to 100 acres	\$2,141.57
106 - Forest M	FMP 101 to 250 acres	\$3,836.98
106 - Forest M	FMP Greater Than 1000 acres	\$8,030.88
106 - Forest M	FMP 251 to 500 acres	\$5,532.38
106 - Forest M	FMP 501 to 1000 acres	\$6,424.70
108 - Feed Man	Feed Management Plan	\$2,184.19
110 - Grazing M	Grazing Management Plan Less Than or Equal to 100 acres	\$2,780.64
110 - Grazing M	Grazing Management Plan 101 to 500 acres	\$3,707.52
110 - Grazing M	Grazing Management Plan 1501 to 5000 acres	\$5,561.28
110 - Grazing M	Grazing Management Plan Greater Than 5000 acres	\$6,488.16
110 - Grazing M	Grazing Management Plan 501 to 1500 acres	\$4,634.40

Conservation Activity
Plans



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TSP Registry Overview

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TSP Registry Status

Targeted Release: June 2020

Work to Complete:

1. Data Migration Plan
 1. Certified TSPs and Businesses
 2. TSPs with Submitted Applications
 3. TSPs with recent activity
2. Minor updates
3. Implement Data Migration Plan
4. Testing
5. Rollout and Training Plan

Deprecate TechReg October 2020



TechReg vs TSP Registry

Modules of TechReg

- TSP Profile/Applications
- Certification of TSP and Businesses
- Public Site

Modules of TSP Registry

- TSP Profile/Applications
- Business Profile/Application
- Certification of TSP and Businesses
- Public Site with a Recommending Organization look up
- Streamlined application process for a Recommending Organization's TSP certified members
- Built-in verification process
- Ability to upload documents
- Communications modules
- Training module
- Completed Work module
- Work Performance modules
- Task Management
- Decertification module
- Reports

TSP Registry

TSP Application and Profile

- TSP completes his application and confirms qualifications and the Registry builds their resume for them
- Criteria to confirm qualifications is one to one
- TSP is responsible for uploading documents to confirm qualifications
 - Sample plans
 - Copies of certifications/licenses
 - Recommending Organization endorsement
- Has a Task Management functionality
- Has a notification system
- Expands renewal to 120 day period-60 days for them to apply/NRCS 60 days to review the application
- Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data can be provided (voluntary)

TSP Registry

Business Application and Profile

- Legitimate Business Application, Profile and Registry
- Requires reciprocal approval between the Official Business Representative (OBR) and Certified TSP Employees to be added to a business profile
- Notifies the OBR when employees licenses expire if used for certification
- Notifies the OBR when employee's certification agreement expires

TSP Registry

Certification of TSPs and Businesses

- Application tracking system is built into the system, no more data entry
- Criteria and confirm qualifications, combined with document upload, everything is in one location for verification
- Task Management system
- Certification/Deferral can be split within the same application
- States can see what other states are doing with an application
- Individual state and combined status monitor for verification
- Robust reporting at various levels

TSP Registry

Public Site

- Provides more enhanced filtering including by Recommending Organization

TSP Registry

Recommending Organizations (RO)

- Provided as a filter on the public site
- Streamlined application once they identify their RO and Certification Title
- Select All or uncheck practices/CAPs they do/do not want to be Certified
- Can add more practices/CAPs beyond those covered in RO MOA
- Only requires proof of RO Certification, RO Endorsement, and state/local law required licenses

TSP Registry

Communications

- Allows for internal only communications between State TSP Coordinators and Regional Certifiers included in the application
- Allows for external communications with TSP
- All communications are stored/retrievable

TSP Registry

Training Module

- Training can be set up inside the system
 - TSP Orientation and Conservation Planning
 - State Specific Training Modules – Conservation Planning
- Internal Training can be tracked
- Training can include an exam and completion certificate

TSP Registry

Completed Work and Work Performance Modules

- Certified TSP can upload completed work to TSP Registry; identify a client
- Completed work can be tracked quarterly/annually for spot checking lists
- Reporting

- TSP Registry has a configurable quality assurance module
 - Minimum Spot Check Policy
 - States can modify to meet their QA plans
- Reporting

Decertification Module

- Automates the Decertification process according to policy
- Includes task management and deadlines
- Allows for uploading of documents
- Pulls from Work Performance Modules to build the Administrative Record

TSP Registry-Current Integrations

1. AgLearn
 - Periodic upload of courses completed in AgLearn as CSV manual upload
2. Protracts
 - List of Certified/Recently Certified TSPs when PT user is certifying a practice

TSP Registry-Future Integrations

Integrations in the Future

1. AgLearn
 1. AgLearn account creation
 2. Course access
 3. Course completion data
2. Farmers.gov
 1. Access a list of Certified TSPs
 2. Assignment of Payment and Client Data Access
 3. Completed work from their Certified TSP
3. Conservation Desktop
 1. Access client data upon approval



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