

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)

Supplement to the SF-270 for ACEP-ALE Cooperative Agreements

This supplement and all documents required by this supplement must be completed and attached to the SF-270 for every agricultural land easement for which an advance or reimbursement of ACEP-ALE financial assistance funds is requested by an eligible entity under an ACEP-ALE cooperative agreement. The completed SF-270, SF-270 supplement, and required documentation must be reviewed and approved by NRCS before NRCS may disburse payment.

ACEP-ALE Agreement Number:		ACEP-ALE Parcel ID Number:	
Eligible Entity Name:			
Eligible Entity Tax Identification Number (TIN):		Eligible Entity DUNS:	
Landowner's Name (continue on additional pages and attach if needed):			
Landowner's Address:			
Landowner's Telephone Number:			
Total Federal Share Requested from NRCS for the Agricultural Land Easement:		ACEP-ALE Cooperative Agreement Originally Executed Under: <i>(select only one)</i>	
		2014 Farm Bill (Agricultural Act of 2014)	
		2018 Farm Bill (Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018)	
<i>Attach the following to SF-270:</i>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A copy of the NRCS approved agricultural land easement deed with all exhibits. If a reimbursement is requested, then the deed must be a copy of the recorded document and include a recording receipt 2. Completed Form NRCS-CPA-230, "Statement to Confirm Matching Funds" as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2014 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Cooperative Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Form NRCS-CPA-230C for General ALE parcels, or • Use Form NRCS-CPA-230D for ALE-GSS parcels. b. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2018 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Cooperative Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Form NRCS-CPA-230E for General ALE parcels, or • Use Form NRCS-CPA-230F for ALE-GSS parcels. • Additionally, include copies of paid invoices or receipts, or for advance payments, outstanding invoices, for procured costs paid by the eligible entity to a third party for items identified on the Form NRCS-CPA-230 that are relied upon to meet the minimum non-Federal share requirement. 3. If applicable, a copy of the agricultural land easement plan signed by the landowner and the eligible entity 4. A copy of the baseline documentation report signed by the eligible entity 5. Eligible Entity Cash Contribution toward Payment of Easement Compensation to the Landowner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2014 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Cooperative Agreement: If applicable, a copy of the NRCS approval letter for the waiver of the eligible entity cash contribution requirement b. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2018 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Cooperative Agreement: If the eligible entity is contributing less than 10 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement in the 			

form of a cash contribution for payment of easement compensation to the landowner, the eligible entity must provide an estimate of annual costs and staff time (minimum 10-year projection) required to conduct management, monitoring, and enforcement of the parcel (e.g. on-site visits, aerial image review, title review, completion of monitoring report, follow-up on findings) and evidence of sufficient funding or capacity (e.g., balances and projections for dedicated funds, stewardship or endowment funds, program appropriations, staffing levels, or other resources dedicated to the management, monitoring, and enforcement of the individual parcel).

6. If a request for reimbursement of the Federal share, a copy of the American Land Title Association (ALTA) title insurance policy
7. If a request for an advance of the Federal share:
 - a. A complete and signed copy of the "NRCS Closing Agent Requirements"
 - b. A copy of the ALTA title commitment
 - c. A signed settlement statement prepared by the closing agent
 - d. Evidence of liability insurance coverage or indemnification in an amount at least equal to the Federal funds provided as cost share for the purchase of the agricultural land easement, providing for reimbursement to the insured party for any loss of Federal funds caused by fraud, dishonesty, negligence, or failure by the attorneys, closing agents, or closing agents' employees to comply with the written closing instructions

The undersigned eligible entity certifies that they have participated in the Agricultural Land Easement component of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program according to all program requirements and the terms and conditions of the above-referenced ACEP-ALE cooperative agreement. The undersigned eligible entity will hereafter be referred to as the "participant."

The participant certifies that it has received NRCS approval of the appraisal or easement value and that they are acquiring or have acquired an agricultural land easement on land with clear title using a conservation easement deed that has been reviewed and approved by NRCS.

The participant certifies that it is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and are providing a valid DUNS number on this SF-270 supplement. NRCS will not disburse funds for an agricultural land easement until all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements have been met.

The participant certifies that highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for each landowner of record for the above-identified parcel is current and on file with the appropriate USDA service center agency.

It is the responsibility of the participant to provide accurate information to support all items identified in this SF-270 supplement to the request for payment. False certifications are subject to criminal and civil fraud statutes.

Signature of Eligible Entity Authorized Representative:	Date:
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