

## CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM (CSP) APPLICANT OFFER CERTIFICATION WORKSHEET

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the CSP Applicant, submit this ***final offer*** for consideration during CSP Sign-up 06-01. As Applicant, I have fulfilled my responsibilities to complete and submit the following:

- CSP Self Assessment Workbook**
- Benchmark Condition Inventory for the entire agricultural operation or the land offered for CSP that includes:**
  - A map, aerial photograph, or overlay that delineates the entire agricultural operation, including land use and acreage (this delineation will remain constant for the term of this offer, or contract if my offer is accepted, unless control of land is either gained or lost);
    - This CSP offer includes the following land uses
      - Cropland
      - Pastureland
      - Other Land (Tier III only)
    - The agricultural operation identified is under my control, and constitutes a cohesive management unit that is operated with equipment, labor, accounting system, and management that are substantially separate from any other.
    - I have control of the agricultural operation identified for the length of the CSP contract, if funded.
    - I share in the risk of producing any crop or livestock; and I am entitled to share in the crop or livestock available for marketing from the farm (or would have shared had the crop or livestock been produced) on the agricultural operation identified.
    - If accepted for a contract, I understand that I must remain in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions found in 7 CFR Part 12.
    - If accepted for a contract, I understand that I must remain in compliance with adjusted gross income (AGI) requirements.
    - The **cropland** acres identified in the agricultural operation have been planted, or devoted to crop production for at least 4 out of the 6 years preceding May 13, 2002.
  - A map of the land offered for CSP;
  - A description of my production system(s) on the land offered;
    - The documentation I provided NRCS is the basis for the cropland eligibility, Tier placement, and/or enhancement payments, if applicable.
    - The documentation I provided NRCS is the basis for the Pastureland eligibility, Tier placement, and/or enhancement payments, if applicable.

- The existing conservation practices and resource concerns, problems, and opportunities on the land offered;
  - The documentation I provided NRCS is the basis for the cropland eligibility, Tier placement, and/or enhancement payments, if applicable.
  - The documentation I provided NRCS is the basis for the Pastureland eligibility, Tier placement, and/or enhancement payments, if applicable.
  - The documentation I provided NRCS is the basis for the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Score I received.
  
- Other information needed to document existing conservation treatment and activities (written records or documentation of historic stewardship practices are needed for the Applicant Interview);
  - My application is for a Tier III contract, and therefore I have buffers the lesser of 2.5 times the channel width or 33 feet wide adjacent to each side under my control of every stream, ditch, or river on the agricultural operation. These buffers are currently established to grass or trees.
  
- A description of the significant resource concerns and other resource concerns that I am willing to address through the adoption of new conservation practices and measures; and
  - My application is for a Tier II contract, and therefore I agree to install buffers of at least 20 feet wide adjacent to each side under my control of every stream, ditch, or river on the agricultural operation. These buffers may be grass or trees, and must be installed within at least 3 years of contract approval.
  
- A list of enhancements I am currently applying, or may be willing to undertake.
  - I understand that if my application is accepted, any new enhancements I have scheduled must be installed prior to receiving payment, and that if I do not install them as scheduled, my contract will be considered in violation.

**I certify that:**

1. The Benchmark Condition Inventory, including any records submitted in support of this inventory, is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. Two years of written records or documentation are available and are being used for the management of my conservation system. I will supply written records and documentation upon NRCS request.

**I understand that the evaluation of my land offered was based on the typical system information I represented and provided to NRCS in the CSP Self-Assessment, the Benchmark Condition Inventory, and during the Applicant Interview. If my offer is accepted, a Self-Assessment Verification will be conducted to validate that the conservation stewardship represented during this process is on the land. I concur with and submit the following as my offer\*\* in consideration for funding:**

TIER \_\_\_\_\_ CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_ SUBCATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICANT**

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**DATE**

\*\* - NRCS will attach supporting documentation of offer placement