

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program - 2013

Entity Application

A complete Entity Application is required for all entities interested in entering into a cooperative agreement for easement acquisition and financial assistance under the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) North Carolina Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). Regardless of the number of parcels, only one entity application is needed.

Submit applications to:

Assistant State Conservationist for Easement Programs
USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
4407 Bland Rd., Suite 117
Raleigh, NC 27609
919-873-2103

Applications must be received by close-of-business (4:00pm) February 15th, 2013 to be considered for FRPP 2013 funding. All application materials submitted to NRCS need to be printed single-sided.

Entity Information:

Name of Cooperating Entity: _____

Type of Entity: _____ Tax ID _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Contact Email _____ Phone _____

Person Authorized to sign a Cooperative Agreement:

Name _____ Title _____

1.) Copy of entity's Articles of Incorporation, Administrative Code, Bylaws or other organizing documentation.

Attached

2.) Entity DUNS number. _____

For information on how to obtain a DUNS number call 1-866-705-5711 or go to the website <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

NOTE: The process of getting a DUNS number may take up to 14 business days to complete.

3.) Register or update registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) by going to <https://www.sam.gov>. If you had an active record in the Central Contractor Register (CCR), you have an active record in SAM

Registration in SAM completed (or confirmed) by: _____ Date: _____

4.) Entities must provide the following information to be eligible for FRPP. Label attachments to correspond with the element being documented. If an element is embedded within a document please cite the page number.

A. State, Tribal, or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement to verify the following:

1 Existence of an established farmland protection program:

Page citation (if embedded)

Attached

2 Authority and demonstrated capability to acquire conservation easements:

Page citation (if embedded)

Attached

3 Authority and demonstrated capability to hold, manage, or enforce conservation easements:

Page citation (if embedded)

Attached

B. List and total number of easements acquired, held, managed, and/or enforced by the cooperating entity to verify commitment to long-term conservation of agricultural or ranch lands through use of voluntary conservation easements

Attached

C. List staff dedicated to easement monitoring and stewardship.

Attached

D. State, Tribal, or local government appropriation or statement from non-governmental organization to verify the availability of funds equal to at least 25 percent of the estimated purchase price of the conservation easement.

Attached

E. Appraisal, survey, and title policies or standards (Attach if your organization has such standards, otherwise indicate that none exist).

None Exist Attached

Note: The 2008 Farm Bill allows cooperating entities to choose a standard on which to base compensation. Appraisals may be either Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) or Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice/Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition (USPAP/UASFLA) and NRCS appraisal instructions.

F. Will the Cooperating Entity agree to acknowledge USDA NRCS in all press releases, signage and literature regarding this easement if funded?

Yes No

Cooperating Entity Certification of Application Material and Information:

I _____, _____ *hereby*
Name Title
certify that the information provided on this application and any and all related attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

NOTE: After consultation and approval by NRCS, a cooperating entity may assign another entity to manage and enforce the conservation easement or other interest in land. Entities that meet FRPP entity criteria may co-hold the conservation easement title. If a secondary entity is proposed they will need to complete an entity application.

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