

**Statement to Confirm Matching Funds Regional
 Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) –
 Entity-Held Easements
 2018 Farm Bill**

The following information is required prior to the dispersal of the Federal share of RCPP financial assistance funds for the acquisition of an entity-held easement. The purpose of this form is to identify and confirm sources of the non-Federal share.

Landowner (Grantor) Name(s): _____

RCPP Program Agreement #: _____ RCPP Parcel Contract #: _____

State: _____ County, Parish, or Borough: _____

RCPP Enrollment Type: <i>(Check one)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	With a United States right of enforcement
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Without a United States right of enforcement

A. Appraised fair market value of the entity-held easement <i>(The total of B, C, and E, must equal A)</i>	\$
B. Eligible Entity cash contribution ^{1/} for payment of easement compensation to the Landowner (Grantor) from the Eligible Entity's own cash resources	\$
C. Federal share ^{2/} for payment of easement compensation to the Landowner (Grantor) through Eligible Entity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For entity held easements <u>with</u> a US right of enforcement, Item C must not exceed 50% of Item A • For entity held easements <u>without</u> a US right of enforcement, Item C must not exceed 25% of Item A 	\$
D. RCPP entity-held easement purchase price ^{3/} (D = B + C)	\$
E. Landowner (Grantor) donation ^{4/} toward easement value (generally, E=A-D)	\$

^{1/} Eligible Entity cash contribution (**Item B**) is limited to the amount provided by the Entity for payment of easement compensation to the Landowner (Grantor) and may include all sources of funds used to make such payment other than any funds provided by the Landowner (Grantor) or the Federal share provided under RCPP. **Item B** may not include any other costs (administrative, planning, stewardship, etc.), nonmonetary items (in-kind activities, land from another parcel, etc.) or any costs listed in **Items F and G**. This box must be completed even if the value is \$0.

^{2/}The Federal share is paid to the Landowner (Grantor) through the Eligible Entity. The Federal share provided as RCPP financial assistance (**Item C**) to the Eligible Entity must not be used for easement acquisition-related costs such as appraisal, survey, title insurance, legal fees; for planning costs, such as baseline documentation or RCPP easement plan development; for easement monitoring or stewardship; or for any purpose other than the purchase of the entity-held easement from the Landowner (Grantor).

^{3/}The easement purchase price (**Item D**) must be equal to the Federal share (**Item C**) at a minimum.

^{4/}Landowner Donation (**Item E**) toward easement value may include a qualified conservation contribution (as defined by section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or a charitable donation. Landowners (Grantors) shall not donate any part of **items B, C, or D** back to the Eligible Entity. **Item E** may not include any costs listed in **Items F and G**.

F. Easement Acquisition Related Costs^{5/} Paid By: <i>(enter amount for each item, including if \$0)</i>	Eligible Entity^{6/}	Landowner (Grantor)
F1. Appraisal <i>(by certified appraiser to USPAP standards)</i>	\$	\$
F2. Easement Boundary Survey <i>(by licensed surveyor and meeting State standards)</i>	\$	\$
F3. Phase-I Environmental Site Assessment <i>(by qualified environmental professional and meeting 40 CFR 312 standards)</i>	\$	\$
F4. Title Commitments/Reports	\$	\$
F5. Title Insurance	\$	\$
F6. Easement Closing Costs	\$	\$
F7. RCPP Easement Plan		
F8. Baseline Report	\$	\$
F9. Mineral Assessment	\$	\$
G. Stewardship and Monitoring Costs Paid By: <i>(enter amount for each item, including if \$0)</i>	Eligible Entity	Landowner (Grantor)
G1. Stewardship Funds Contributed by Eligible Entity <i>(from sources other than the Landowner)</i>	\$	
G2. Stewardship Funds Contributed by Landowner (Grantor) ^{7/} <i>(Landowner cost limited to 2% of A, unless entity has submitted to NRCS documentation for Landowner contributions of stewardship funds more than 2% of A)</i>		\$
<p>^{5/}For Items F1 through F9, 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 program requirements. Enter the amount paid at the time these items are procured. Do not include in the Eligible Entity boxes any amounts provided by the Landowner (Grantor) used to procure these items or vice versa.</p> <p>^{6/}The Eligible Entity cash contribution (Item B) may not include any costs listed in Items F and G.</p> <p>^{7/}For Item G2, enter actual amount or, for buy-protect-sell transactions, enter the estimated amount if the qualified farmer or rancher landowner is not yet identified.</p>		

Certifications: RCPP Entity-Held Easement Statement to Confirm Matching Funds

Landowner (Grantor) *(To be completed by all grantors (landowners of record). Attach additional signature pages as needed. All landowners must sign)*

I certify that the information on this supporting form for the acquisition of a RCPP entity-held easement is true, correct, and complete. I have been informed that the dollar amount listed in Item A above is the appraised fair market value of the RCPP-entity-held easement.

I have agreed to grant a RCPP entity-held easement on my property for \$ _____ *(enter purchase price)*.

I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility for the RCPP.

Grantor (Landowner) Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

I certify that the information on this form for the acquisition of a RCPP entity-held easement 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 Landowners (Grantors), immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the Landowners (Grantors), either through formal or informal agreements. I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility of the entity for RCPP.

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 Landowner (Grantor), who have confirmed to me all of the information listed above is true, correct, and complete. The Landowner (Grantor) has certified that the Eligible Entity's own contributions and costs as listed above will not come from additional donations, payments, loans, or fees made by or charged to the above-identified Grantor, immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the Grantor, either through formal or informal agreements. The Landowner (Grantor) understands that the purchase price, or the Federal share for buy-protect-sell transactions, is the amount that will be provided for the purchase of the entity-held easement less any commensurate reduction to the Federal share provided by NRCS pursuant to the adjusted gross income limitations in 7 CFR part 1400. The Landowner (Grantor) further understands that the RCPP does not require a Landowner (Grantor) donation or contributions to stewardship or acquisition funds.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature by NRCS Representative: _____ Date: _____