

FY 2013
Environmental Quality Incentive Program Proposal
For the _____ Field Office*

Please provide the following information in narrative format. This template may be edited only to provide additional space within each section. (*Field Offices which do not follow this format will have their proposals returned*).

Introduction: Provide a short introduction, including the location of the field office in the state and general agricultural setting.

Local Work Group: Provide a short description of the Local Work Group, including the area represented, membership, meetings held, and any other significant information.

Priority Resource Concerns: Provide a list of priority resource concerns for each land use that the Local Work Group has recommended to be addressed in the FY 2013 EQIP program. Please do not confuse resource concerns with conservation practices.

Funding Considerations: Describe what approximate percent of the funds to be allocated to the field office will be applied to each land use where priority resource concerns will be addressed. Also describe any cost caps if desired.

Cost Share Rate Factor: The cost-share rate factor for the most commonly used practices in the payment schedule is expected to be _____%.

Ranking Criteria: Submit your local issues/questions for each land use where priority resource concerns will be addressed. Submit only recommended changes from FY 2012. If there are no changes recommended (that is, you want to use the same issues and points as FY 2012), please make a statement to that effect.

Tie breaker criteria must be included.

Watershed Initiative: If the Local Work Group recommends using a portion of their allocation to target resource concerns within a local watershed, and the District Conservationist concurs, please complete the attached proposal worksheet (see attachment #3)

Small Acreage Initiative: A pool of funds will be available for those field offices that recommend a small acreage initiative. This is to address limited income, small acreage producers who have difficulty competing against larger producers with multiple resource concerns and the ability to contract multiple practices. The 'smaller' farmers generally rank lower. The field office needs to recommend acreage and income limits. The Local Work Group needs to be willing to commit some portion of the initial field office allocation in order to be considered for matching funds from the state office pool. (See attachment #3)

*The Field Office/Local Work Group proposal, including ranking criteria worksheets, **must be submitted to the State Office in electronic format**. It is recommended that you save this template to your hard disk, provide the necessary information, and then send it back to the State Office as an email attachment. *Do not assume what was approved for FY 2012 will automatically be approved for FY 2013. If you want something different, tell us. If you want the same as FY 2012, tell us.*