UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice AS-2038**

For: State Offices

State Office Equipment Allotments for FY 2002

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Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management

1 Overview

A Background

In previous years, State Offices were instructed to submit office equipment requests through the on-line FSA-528 process. Requests included desks, chairs, copiers, and various other non-IT equipment, and often far exceeded available equipment funding levels. MSD was responsible for reviewing and approving or denying requests according to the available budget.

In an effort to streamline this process and provide greater flexibility to State Offices, this process has been changed for FY 2002. State Office equipment allotments will be distributed using a base level of funding for every State, with remaining available funding being spread proportionally to all State Offices using FTE ceilings. State Offices will be able to plan purchases based on reasonable expectations of annual funding levels.

Non-Federal County office equipment allotments were issued in Notice BU-617.

B Purpose

This notice:

• transmits FY 2002 Federal equipment allotments for State Offices

Note: A separate allotment **will not** be issued for Farm Loan Teams. See Exhibit 1.

• informs State Offices that a separate Federal equipment reserve is being held for emergencies and critical needs.

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Contact

Direct questions to the following.

Subject	Contact
Equipment approval	Ken Nagel, EDSO at 202-720-7890.Phil Brockman, EDSO at 202-690-8034.
Non-IT equipment	LaShawn Lucas, MSD at 202-720-4766.Laurie Montgomery, MSD at 202-205-7832.
IT equipment	Earl (Buddy) Bice, ITSD at 202-720-0893.Lorraine West, ITSD at 202-720-0914.

2 **Equipment Allotments**

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State Office Equipment Allotments

Funds for equipment:

- are appropriated to FSA
- represent approved equipment allotments for State Offices
- shall not be exceeded, except as provided in Notice BU-615.

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State Office Action

State Offices shall determine what equipment is needed, but expenditures shall not be more than the total amount allotted to each State Office.

Monitor expenditures according to the following.

Step	Action
1	Make essential equipment purchases according to 27-AS.
2	For non-IT equipment purchases that exceed contracting officer warrant, send AD-700 to MSD. After approval, MSD will coordinate the purchases on behalf of the State Office.
3	Allotments to State Offices for telephone and related equipment costs will not be issued. Instead, State Offices shall continue to request technical approvals for telephone voice mail and related equipment through the Telecommunications Operations (T-OPS), Telecommunication Division.
4	Request all IT equipment through ITSD.
	Note: State Offices shall not purchase IT equipment or other IT-related items using this allotment

C Additional Equipment Needs

A small Federal equipment fund reserve is being held for State Offices to cover emergencies and critical needs. State Offices shall submit a memo stating the need with supporting documentation, to EDSO for any increases in funds or additional equipment needs above their allotment. Written requests shall be FAXed to EDSO at 202-690-0434.

Upon EDSO approval, MSD will ensure that proper equipment is requested and forward the approved request to BUD for fund approval.

3 Instructions

A Special Instructions

All State Offices are instructed to only purchase equipment items that are essential. It is recommended that all offices purchase lateral files, rather then vertical files. When purchasing chairs, all offices must select chairs that are ergonomic and of a neutral color.

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FY 2002 State Office Equipment Allotments

State		FY 2002 Equipment Allotment	
Illinois		* *	\$33,800
Indiana			23,800
Iowa			50,000
Michigan			23,100
Minnesota			39,700
Missouri			36,300
Ohio			20,600
Wisconsin	 		32,100
TOTAL Midwest Area			\$259,400
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Connecticut	The state of the s		\$4,000
Delaware			4,400
Maine			10,100
Maryland		•	7,100
Massachusetts			6,700
New Hampshire			4,000
New Jersey			6,700
New York			24,300
Pennsylvania			18,400
Rhode Island			3,500
Vermont			9,300
West Virginia			12,300
TOTAL Northeast Area			\$110,800
Alaska			\$3,200
Idaho			17,900
Montana			20,100
Nebraska			31,400
North Dakota			37,500
Oregon			12,800
South Dakota			41,200
Washington			13,500
Wyoming			8,900

FY 2002 State Office **Equipment Allotments (Continued)**

		FY 2002	
		Equipment	
State	 •	Allotment	·
Alabama			\$16,700
Arkansas			30,900
Florida			17,400
Georgia			21,300
Kentucky			36,000
Louisiana			32,100
Mississippi			33,300
North Carolina			27,200
Puerto Rico			17,400
South Carolina			15,700
Tennessee			27,500
Virginia	 0.00		. 18,900
TOTAL Southeast Area			\$294,400
Arizona			\$7,900
California			20,400
Colorado			14,700
Hawaii			5,200
Kansas			37,300
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New Mexico		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	10,800
Oklahoma			40,900
Texas			66,700
Utah			11,100
TOTAL Southwest Area		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$219,700
TOTAL ALL AREAS			\$1,070,800
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