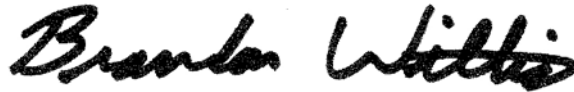


For: State and County Offices

BCAP Funding and Project Proposal Submission and Review

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

On April 15, 2011, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, (the Act), Pub. L. 112-10, was enacted. Section 1285 of the Act included a provision limiting the total amount of money available for BCAP in FY 2011 to \$112 million. The limitation on BCAP funding impacts all aspects of BCAP and requires planning to ensure that obligations in excess of available funds do not occur.

1-BCAP was issued on February 28, 2011. 1-BCAP, Part 4 contained instructions for establishment and annual payments under project areas.

At present, matching payments for woody biomass have not been authorized. This notice discusses plans for matching payments on woody biomass.

B Purpose

This notice advises:

- of deadlines for the following:
 - FY 2011 project area proposals to be submitted to applicable State Offices by May 27, 2011
 - State-level review of project area proposals by June 10, 2011
 - National-level review and determination of need for additional environmental review by June 24, 2011
- when matching payments for woody biomass will be announced and how funds may be targeted
- offices to process all relief requests.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2011	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Applicable Deadlines, Dates, and Announcements for FY 2011

A Overview of FY 2011 Deadlines

The following summarizes deadlines required for BCAP administration in FY 2011.

Activity	Deadline	Reference
Project area sponsor's submission of complete project area proposal to State Office.	May 27, 2011	1-BCAP, paragraph 250
State-level team review of project area proposal completion.	June 10, 2011	1-BCAP, paragraphs 251 and 252
National-level review and determination of need for additional environmental review of project area proposal.	June 24, 2011	1-BCAP, paragraph 252
Processing of relief requests.	Ongoing	1-BCAP, paragraph 5

B Matching Payments for Woody Biomass

An announcement about the availability of matching payments for woody biomass is anticipated for mid-summer 2011. At present, matching payments for woody biomass is **not** authorized. FSA expects that a future announcement about authorization of matching payments for woody biomass outside project areas will be based on all of the following:

- limited funds
- targeted needs or other environmental concerns.

Note: Establishment and annual payments for woody biomass will be available for approved project areas.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- immediately publicize by available effective means the deadline for project area sponsors to submit project area proposals to State Office by May 27, 2011
- process any project area proposals, including State-level reviews, timely submitted by June 10, 2011
- advise project area sponsors who submit project area proposals after May 27, 2011, that FSA will **not** act on the proposal
- ensure that outstanding relief requests are processed as soon as practicable.

Note: In this context, relief requests include cases that currently exist and which are in some stage of process. To ensure funding is available to dispose of those cases, the cases must be processed. All relief cases and payments that may result from relief are subject to available funding.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- in counties having producers offering land for enrollment in an approved project area, process the enrollment requests according to 1-BCAP
- process outstanding relief requests as soon as practicable.