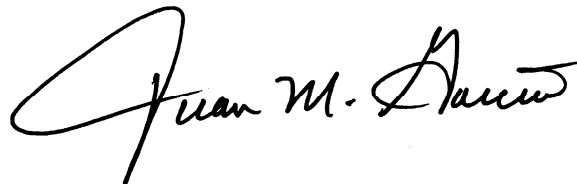


For: State Offices

**Prioritizing Limited BCAP Funds for Establishment of and Annual Payments for  
Approved Project Area Activities**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Suspending BCAP-1 Approvals**

**A Background**

The BCAP regulations found at 7 CFR Part 1450 were amended on September 15, 2011, to provide specifically for prioritizing limited program funds in favor of the “project area” portion of BCAP.

CCC has determined that available funds are insufficient to accommodate all demands.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides that all pending BCAP-1’s for Biomass Conversion Facilities (BCF’s) will **not** be approved for FY 2011 because of the current funding limitation and that BCAP-1’s will **no** longer be accepted until further notice.

**C SED Action**

SED’s shall:

- ensure that State Offices discontinue accepting BCAP-1’s until further notice
- send a letter (Exhibit 1) to **all** pending BCAP-1 representatives, who filed in their respective State, informing them of the provisions of this notice
- publicize the provisions of this notice
- follow the provisions of this notice.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2011	State Offices

**Example of BCF Notification Letter**

The following letter shall be sent to **all** pending BCAP-1 sponsors.

*[Insert Date]*

Dear *[Insert BCF name]* Representative,

The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 112-10), enacted on April 15, 2011, reduced the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) funding available for fiscal year 2011. On September 15, 2011, the Farm Service Agency published a regulation to prioritize the limited program funds. The rule prioritizes funding for establishment costs of eligible crops and annual payments to growers to produce biomass in approved project areas.

Therefore, funds will **not** be available for matching payments in fiscal year 2011 and your application to become a Qualified Biomass Conversion Facility (QBCF) will **not** be acted on. Future announcements will be made if BCAP receives additional funding.

Thank you for your interest in BCAP. I look forward to working with you in the future.

*[Insert Name]*

State Executive Director