#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice FI-3186** 

For: State and County Offices

### **Processing IRS-Mandated Backup Withholding for TTPP Payments**

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Approved by: Associate Administrator for Operations and Management

#### 1 Overview

#### A Background

Internal Revenue Code section 3403(a)(1)(C) mandates a 28 percent backup withholding on certain payments to taxpayers identified by IRS as subject to backup withholding. Payments subject to withholding are reported on IRS Form 1099-INT and/or IRS Form 1099-OID.

FSA must withhold 28 percent of the portion of payments currently reported on IRS Form 1099-INT and/or IRS Form 1099-OID when notified that a taxpayer is subject to withholding. Currently, the majority of payments affected by the IRS backup withholding are the imputed interest portion of TTPP payments made to quota holders.

The FSA Financial Services (FSAFS) Web Application was modified to include an "Involuntary Withholdings" indicator. However, the indicator cannot be used for TTPP because only the imputed interest of the payment is subject to withholding.

Withholding will be made by setting the "Other Agency Debt" flag in FSAFS, and entering the backup tax withholding in NPS.

#### **B** Purpose

This notice provides instructions for:

- processing the IRS-mandated backup withholding in NPS for TTPP using the FSAFS "Other Agency Debt" flag
- notifying County Offices that backup withholding is **required**.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

# 1 Overview (Continued)

# **C** Contacts

If there are questions about this notice, State Office shall contact the appropriate office as follows.

Issue	Contact			
Software-related problems.	Contact the National help Desk at 800-255-2434 or			
	819-926-1552.			
	<b>Note:</b> Select option 3 for hardware and application software.			
Policies or procedures on making IRS-mandated	Contact either of the following:			
backup withholdings in NPS.	Jackie Pickens by:			
	e-mail at jackie.pickens@wdc.usda.gov			
	• telephone at 202-772-6027			
	Nancy Chapman by:			
	<ul><li>e-mail at nancy.chapman@kcc.usda.gov</li></ul>			
	• telephone at 816-926-6971.			
Policy or procedures for	Contact either of the following:			
IRS backup withholding	lding			
notifications.	• Rhonda Anthony for TTPP and other programs by:			
	• e-mail at rhonda.anthony@kcc.usda.gov			
	• telephone at 816-926-6251			
	Sandra Kiefer for other programs by:			
	e-mail at sandra.kiefer@kcc.usda.gov			
	• telephone at 816-926-6931.			

## 2 Notification From Kansas City to Begin IRS Backup Withholding for TTPP

### **A State and County Office Notification**

Kansas City will send notification to County Offices by mail when action must be taken for the IRS-mandated backup withholding. The producer's name and TIN will be listed on the notification. After notification has been received, County Offices must set the "Other Agency Debt" flag for the producer in FSAFS. After the flag has been set, a copy of the notification, indicating the "Other Agency Debt" flag has been set, must be FAXed to 816-823-1871. These actions **must** occur **immediately on receipt of notification**. See subparagraph C for an example of the notification letter.

Kansas City will also send an encrypted file through e-mail to State Offices notifying them of County Offices within their State with TTPP contracts applicable to IRS-mandated backup withholding. State Offices will need to work with County Offices to ensure the "Other Agency Debt" flag has been set for each producer.

**Note:** Copies of the notification letter will **not** be distributed to producers.

## **B** State and County Office Notification of Backup Withholding Amount

Within 2 workdays after the payments request has been sent to NPS, Kansas City will send notification to State Offices by encrypted e-mail identifying the:

- TTPP contracts
- associated TIN
- the amount of backup withholding based on the imputed interest of the TTPP payments.

After this notification is received, the TTPP payments can be certified in NPS according to paragraph 4.

**Note:** The encrypted e-mail will have the subject line, "TTPP Backup Withholding Payment".

## 2 Notification From Kansas City to Begin IRS Backup Withholding for TTPP (Continued)

### C Example of Notification Letter

The following is an example of the notification letter that will be mailed to County Offices.

USDA

United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service

Farm Service Agency

Office of Budget and Finance

Financial Management

Services

Financial Services Center PO Box 419205 Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205 TO: FSA Office

FROM: Payment Management Office,

Chief, Payment Reporting and Financing Group

SUBJECT: IRS Backup Withholding Notification

The IRS (Internal Revenue Service) has identified the producer named below is subject to backup withholding under Internal Revenue Code section 3406(a)(1)(C).

Please begin backup withholding at the rate of 28% on all applicable payments made to this producer.

Producer's name: Producer's ID number:

These actions must be completed upon receiving this notification:

- · Set the Other Agency Offset Flag in Financial Services for this quota holder.
- Fax (816-823-1871) a copy of this letter indicating the flag has been set and the action taken.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Rhonda Anthony at 816-926-6251 or <a href="mailto:rhonda.anthony@kcc.usda.gov">rhonda.anthony@kcc.usda.gov</a> or Sandra Kiefer at 816-220-2444 or <a href="mailto:sandra.kiefer@kcc.usda.gov">sandra.kiefer@kcc.usda.gov</a>.

USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

## 3 Accessing FSAFS and Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag

### A Logging Into FSAFS

County Office employees:

- shall log into FSAFS to set the "Other Agency Debt" flag for TTPP participants when notified about an IRS backup withholding
- must have a valid eAuthentication level 2 user ID and password or LincPass to log into the FSAFS web site at http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/fsa/.

Employees may log into the FSAFS web site from the FSA Intranet Home Page according to the following:

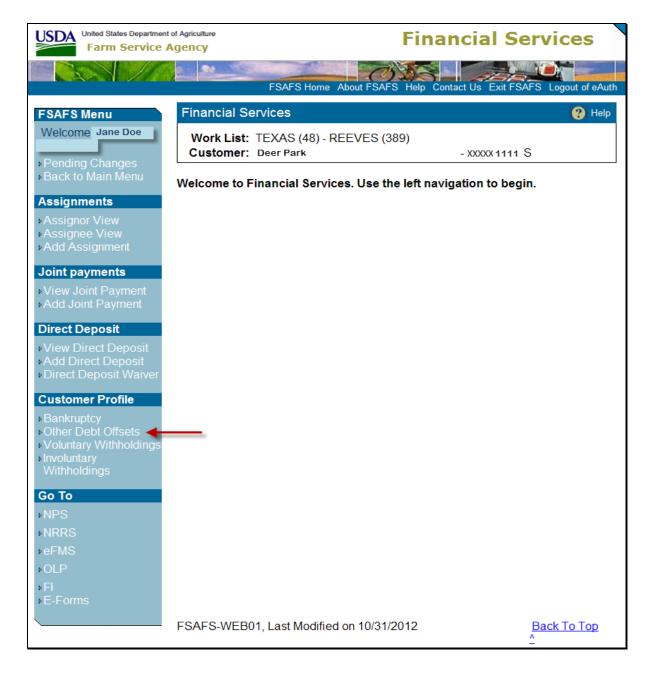
- under "Resources", CLICK "FSA Applications"
- under "Financial Services", CLICK "Financial Applications".

The FSA Intranet Financial Applications Home Page will be displayed. CLICK "FSA Financial Services" and the USDA eAuthentication Warning Screen will be displayed. CLICK "I Agree" and the eAuthentication Login Screen will be displayed.

On the eAuthentication Login Screen, users have the option to enter a valid eAuthentication user ID and password or login with LincPass credentials. CLICK "**Login**".

### **B** Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag

On the FSAFS Home Page, after selecting the State/county "Worklist" and "Customer", on the Financial Services Screen, under "FSAFS Menu" "Customer Profile", CLICK "Other Debt Offsets".

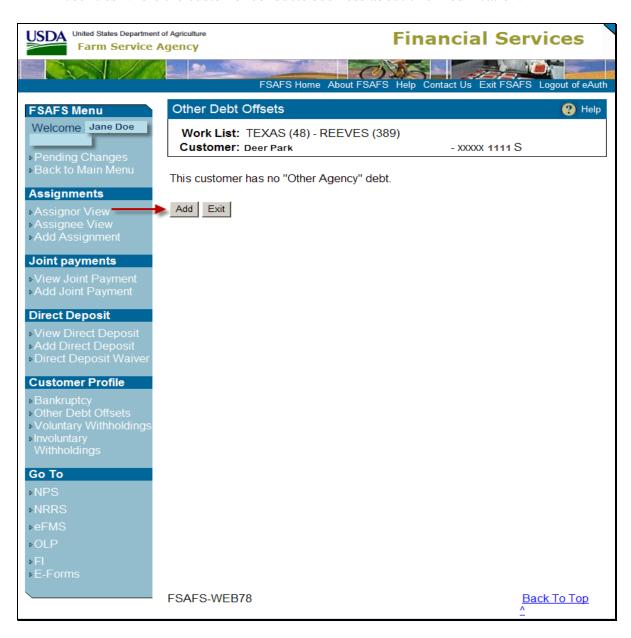


### **B** Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

This is an example of the Other Debt Offsets Screen. Click either of the following:

- "Add", to access the Add Other Debt Offsets Screen
- "Exit", to return to FSAFS Home Page.

**Note:** If the customer is a multi-county producer, the Administrative Office shall be the only office to modify this flag setting. The Administrative Office shall also notify all counties where the customer conducts business about this modification.

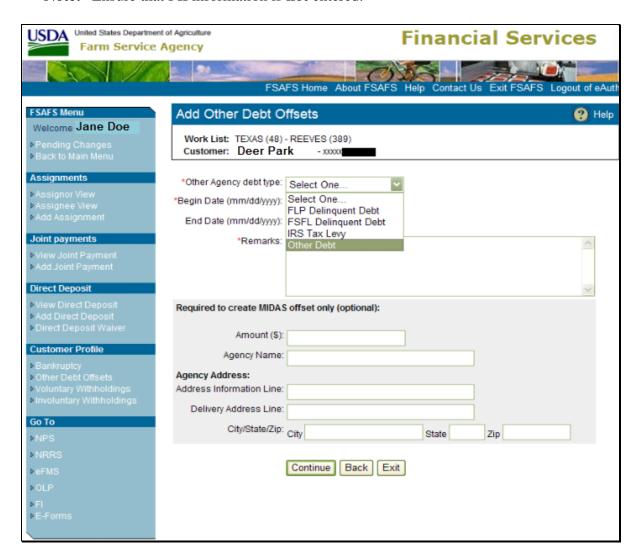


### **B** Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

The following is an example of the Add Other Debt Offsets Screen.

- From the "Other Agency debt type" drop-down list, select "Other Debt".
- Enter the "Begin Date (mm/dd/yyyy)" in the correct format.
- Entering the "End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)" is **not** required, but if there is written agreement when the debt will be paid it may be entered in the correct format.
- Enter "Remarks", including the name of the person making the entry and that this is "TTPP Mandatory Backup Withholding".

**Note:** Ensure that PII information is **not** entered.

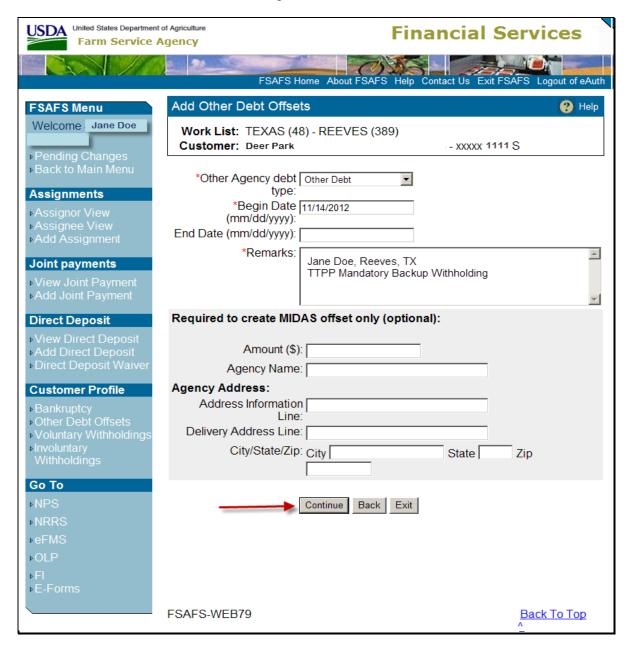


# 3 Accessing FSAFS and Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

### **B** Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

Click 1 of the following:

- "Continue", to pre-finalize adding the other agency debt offsets type
- "Back", to return to Add Other Debts Offsets Screen
- "Exit", to return to FSAFS Home Page.

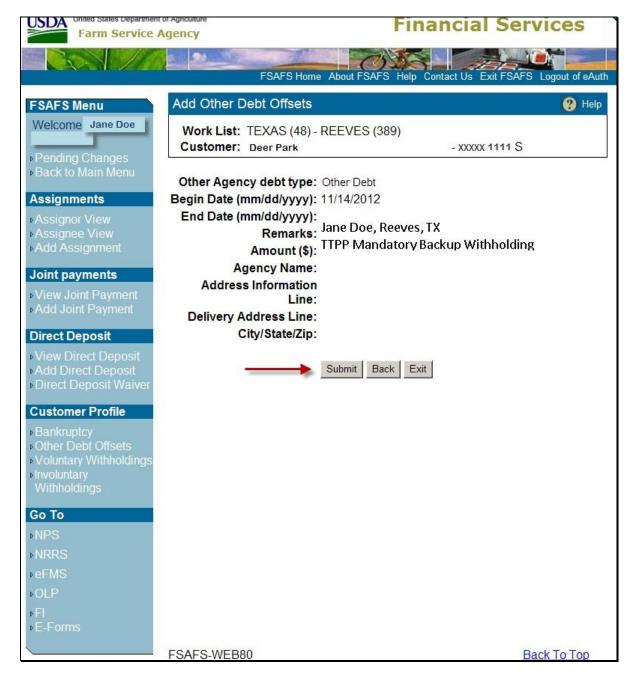


# **B** Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

From the Add Other Debt Offsets Screen, review information entered in the fields and click 1 of the following:

- "Submit", to add the other debt offsets
- "Back", to return to Add Other Debt Offsets Screen
- "Exit", to return to FSAFS Home Page.

**Note:** Adding other debt offsets in FSAFS does **not** require secondary approval.

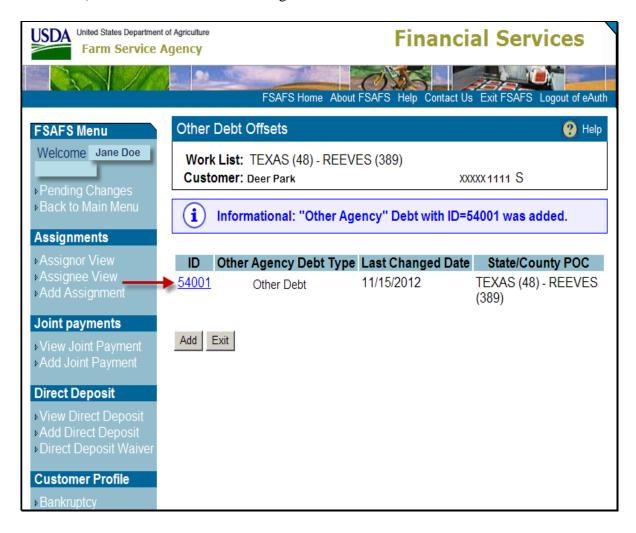


## 3 Accessing FSAFS and Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

### **B** Setting "Other Agency Debt" Flag (Continued)

An informational confirmation message will be displayed stating, "Other Agency Debt with ID-XXXXX was added". Click either of the following:

- "Add", to enter additional other agency debt offsets
- "Exit", to return to FSAFS Home Page.

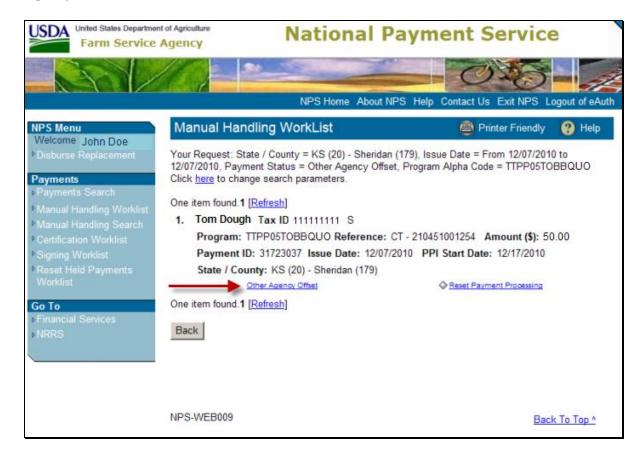


### 4 Entering Offset Information in NPS

### A Manual Handling Worklist "Other Agency Offset"

When other agency debt is passed to NPS, it will be displayed on the Manual Handling Worklist as "Other Agency Offset". See 1-FI, paragraph 138 for Manual Handling Worklist procedures.

After the applicable payment is selected from the Manual Handling Worklist, CLICK "Other Agency Offset" link.

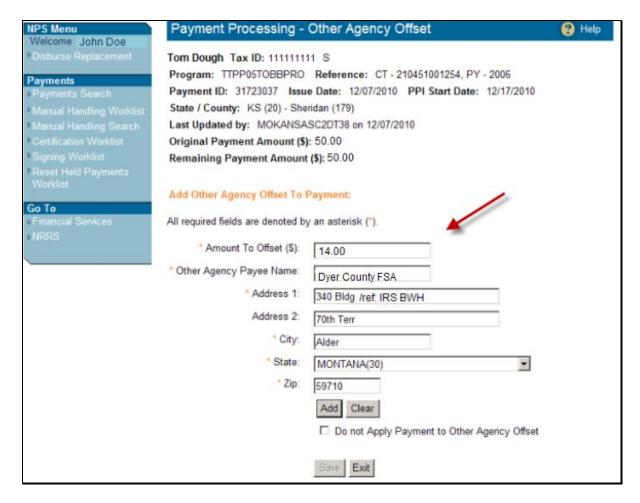


#### **4** Entering Offset Information in NPS (Continued)

### **B** Entering Payee Information

When other agency debt is submitted in NPS for the IRS-mandated backup withholdings, County Offices will use their County Office name and address for the check to be mailed to their office for deposit.

The following is an example of the Payment Processing - Other Agency Offset Screen.



## **4** Entering Offset Information in NPS (Continued)

### **B** Entering Payee Information (Continued)

County Offices shall enter the required information on the Payment Processing - Other Agency Offset Screen, as follows.

• "Amount to Offset (\$)", 28 percent of the imputed interest portion of the TTPP payment.

**Note:** This amount will be sent by an encrypted e-mail from Kansas City to the State Office. The State Office will notify the County Office.

- "Other Agency Payee Name", name of the FSA County Office submitting payment.
- "Address 1", address of the county.

**Note:** To distinguish that this is an IRS backup withholding, after the county address, ENTER "/ref: IRS BWH".

- "Address 2", additional address line, if applicable.
- "City", city in county.
- "State", State of county.
- "Zip", ZIP Code of address.

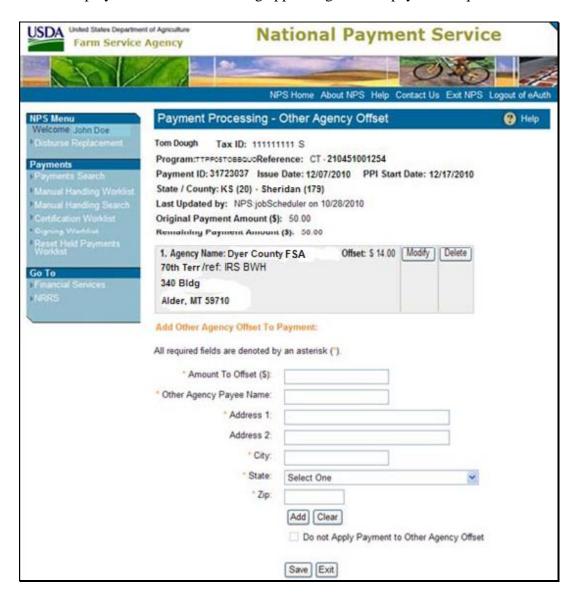
Click 1 of the following:

- "Add", to have the other agency offset information entered applied against the payment request
- "Clear", to remove the other agency offset information from fields
- "Exit", to return to Manual Handling Worklist Screen.

#### **4** Entering Offset Information in NPS (Continued)

### **B** Entering Payee Information (Continued)

The following is an example of the Payment Processing - Other Agency Offset Screen that will be displayed with the offset being applied against the payment request.



#### Click 1 of the following:

- "Modify", to edit any other agency offset information that was entered
- "Delete", to remove other agency offset information
- "Save", to apply other agency offset against the payment
- "Exit", to return to Manual Handling Worklist Screen without applying the offset.

After the treasury check is received in the County Office, the County Office will record the receipt in NRRS. See paragraph 5.

#### 5 Recording TTPP Participant's Backup Tax Withholdings in NRRS

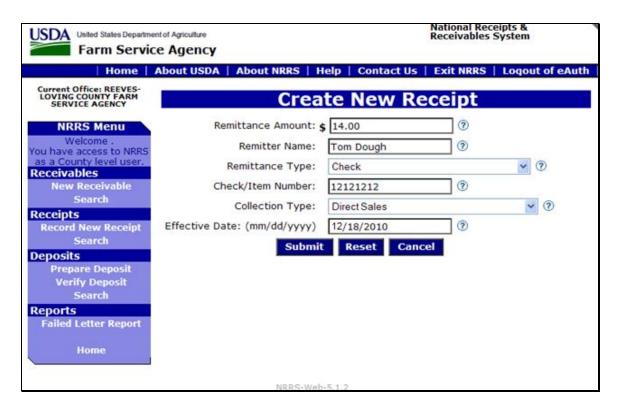
#### A Logging Into NRRS

To access NRRS, on the FSA Intranet Home Page, CLICK "FSA Applications". Under "Financial Services", CLICK, "Financial Applications". The FSA Intranet Financial Applications Home Page will be displayed. CLICK "National Receipts and Receivables System". See 64-FI, paragraph 17 for instructions to log into NRRS.

## **B** Recording the Backup Withholding Receipt

Record a new receipt in NRRS according to 64-FI, paragraph 33. On the following Create New Receipt Screen:

- in "Remittance Amount" block, enter amount of check
- in "Remitter Name" block, enter producer's name in which amount is being withheld
- from "Remittance Type" drop-down list, select "Check"
- in "Check/Item Number" block, enter the Treasury check number
- from "Collection Type" drop-down list, select "Direct Sales"
- in "Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)" block, enter current date
- CLICK "Submit".



The Enter Direct Sales Program Information Screen will be displayed.

### 5 Recording TTPP Participant's Backup Tax Withholdings in NRRS (Continued)

### **B** Recording the Backup Withholding Receipt (Continued)

To record the Direct Sales Program information, on the following Enter Direct Sales Program Information Screen:

- from "Program Code" drop-down list, select "**FEDTAXREQ**"
- from "Select State / County" drop-down list, select applicable State/county
- CLICK "Submit".

Prepare and verify the deposit according to 64-FI, paragraph 51.



## **6** Completing CCC-44 for TTPP Participants

### A Sending CCC-44 to Kansas City

Counties **must** account for all IRS-mandated backup withholdings. These withholdings **must** be reported to Kansas City on CCC-44 as soon as the backup withholdings are deposited. Prepare and FAX CCC-44 to Kansas City according to subparagraph B.

## **B** Preparing CCC-44's

Prepare CCC-44 according to the following table.

Item	Instructions				
1	Enter State name.				
2	Enter County Office name.				
3	Enter County Office telephone number.				
4A	Enter payee's name.				
4B	Enter payee's address.				
4C	Enter payee's TIN.				
4D	Check (✓) box for the applicable TIN type.				
5A	Enter program/reference number.				
	Example: "TTPP Contract SScccXXXXXXX".				
5B	Enter program year.				
5C	Enter original payment amount.				
5D	Enter dollar amount withheld.				
5E	Enter total dollar amount withheld (total of amounts in column 5D).				
6A	Enter schedule number (schedule number of deposit for withholdings).				
6B	Enter schedule date (date of deposit).				
6C	Enter signature of preparer (County Office preparer).				
6D	Enter date signed by preparer.				
6E	Enter signature of second party verifier (County Office employee who verified				
	form information).				
6F	Enter date signed by verifier.				

County Offices shall FAX CCC-44 to Kansas City at 816-823-1871 with a cover sheet stating, "**ATTENTION:** Backup Withholding".

County Offices shall maintain CCC-44 in the County Office "FM" files. These records shall be retained for a period of 6 years, 3 months.

# **6** Completing CCC-44 for TTPP Participants (Continued)

# C Example of CCC-44

The following is an example of CCC-44. County Offices shall complete for every TTPP participant that has IRS-mandated backup withholdings withheld from program payments.

PART A - GENERAL INFORM	ATION			
. STATE NAME		me of County Office	County Office Telephone Number (Including Area Code)	
PART B - PAYEE INFORMATI	ION			
A. Payee's Name		4B. Payee's Address (Inclu	uding Zip Code)	
4C. Payee's TIN		4D. TIN Type (Check one	below:)	
		SSN 🗆 EIN 🗀	IRS 🗌	
PART C - WITHHOLDING PAY	MENT INFORMATIO	N		
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#### 7 Discontinuing Backup Withholding

#### A Notification of Discontinuing Backup Withholding

Notification to discontinue withholdings will be sent to the County Office by encrypted e-mail when Kansas City receives notification from IRS that the producer is no longer subject to backup withholdings. The e-mail will be followed up with a copy mailed to the County Office (subparagraph B).

If a producer receives notification from the IRS that they are no longer subject to backup withholding, a copy of the notification **must** be FAXed to Kansas City at 816-823-1871 for verification. After Kansas City has verified the notification, concurring with IRS regulations, they will send the County Office notification to discontinue backup withholdings.

County Offices shall log into FSAFS and uncheck the "Other Agency Debt" box and select "**Modify Profile**". This will remove the "Other Agency Debt" flag from the producer's profile.

After the flag has been removed, a copy of this notification indicating the "Other Agency Debt" flag has been removed shall be FAXed to 816-823-1871. County Offices shall complete these actions **immediately on receipt of notification**.

### 7 Discontinuing Backup Withholding (Continued)

### **B** Example of Discontinuing Backup Withholding Notification Letter

The following is an example of the notification that will be sent to the County Office.

USDA

United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service

Farm Service Agency

Office of Budget and

Finance

Financial Management Services

Financial Services Center PO Box 419205 Kansas City, Missouri 64141-6205 TO: FSA County Office

FROM: Payment Management Office,

Payment Reporting and Financing Group

SUBJECT: IRS Discontinuation of Backup Withholding Notification

The quota holder named below is no longer subject to backup withholding under Internal Revenue Code section 3406(a)(1)(C).

This is your notice to discontinue backup withholding on the payments you make to this producer.

Producer name:

Producer's ID number:

You are requested to take the following actions within 2 business days of receipt of this notice:

- Remove the Other Agency Offset Flag in Financial Services for this quota holder.
- Fax (816-823-1871) a copy of this letter indicating the flag has been removed.

If the flag to perform backup withholding was previously removed, please fax this letter back indicating the flag was already removed.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Rhonda Anthony at 816-926-6251 or <a href="mailto:rhonda.anthony@kcc.usda.gov">rhonda.anthony@kcc.usda.gov</a> or Sandra Kiefer at 816-220-2444 or <a href="mailto:sandra.kiefer@kcc.usda.gov">sandra.kiefer@kcc.usda.gov</a>.

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