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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-4-34

SUBJECT: LTP – EQIP – FY 2004 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RE-ALLOCATIONS

Purpose. To inform offices of the MN EQIP financial assistance re-allocation.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004

We have reviewed the submitted databases from each area and compiled ranking lists based on both the base score and the area score. Based on this analysis, and the fact that the ranking procedures were not intended to be used as a statewide ranking, I have decided to provide each area with an additional \$125,000 allocation.

This additional allocation will be moved into each area's Protract allocation. ASTC's may use these funds along with any other slippage funds in the same manner as their original allocations.

1. As before, offices may not skip the next ranked application on their list in order to match funds to a lower ranked application.
2. Funds from 2004 approved applications that subsequently cancel their application should be rolled into the county/area allocation and used to fund the next ranked application.
3. National Headquarters has set a deadline to provide all approved contracts with signatures to FSA no later than September 1, 2004. Therefore, in Minnesota, contracts not signed by August 13, 2004, shall have their application status changed to deferred and those funds made available to the next ranked application. Offices shall inform unsigned producers in writing of this deadline.
4. Any unobligated dollars remaining after August 13 will be retained by the state office and again be reallocated to those offices with eligible participants who can be approved and are ready to immediately sign a contract prior to the September 1 deadline.
5. The Marshall Area Office and the Becker Field Office will retain \$150,000 and \$50,000 respectively, targeted for 2 specific tribal applications in process. If these applications cannot be perfected by August 13, the dollars will be withdrawn by the state office and re-allocated.

The State Office will retain a small fund for modifications and errors up to the August 13 date.

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