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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-4-20

SUBJECT: LTP – EQIP – FUND OBLIGATION TO CONTRACTS

Purpose. To stop fund obligation to contracts pending NHQ fund release.

Expiration Date. September 31, 2004.

Minnesota has been informed of its EQIP allocation for 2004 and fund amounts have been populated in Protracts. However, these funds have not been released for contract obligation. NHQ must finalize the 2004 Roles and Responsibilities with FSA before the funds are released to the State for distribution to the local FSA office.

Offices should not sign any EQIP contracts as the CCC representative through Protracts until authorized by the State Office.

Office should proceed with approving applications for contracts based on the scoring and ranking of applications after the first cutoff of March 22. Participants may sign the contract, but do not sign the contract as the agency representative until authorized. Participants should be reminded not to start a practice until the contract has been formally approved and signed by the agency.

The State Office will notify all offices when funds may be obligated and contracts signed.

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