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SUBJECT: LTP – EQIP SCORING & RANKING PERIOD

Purpose. To provide additional scoring periods for 2008 EQIP.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

January 31, 2008, will be the third cut-off for accepting EQIP applications to be scored and ranked for potential funding. **Offices should proceed with scoring and ranking all EQIP applications on hand as of January 31, 2008.**

Ranking and subsequent selection of applications to be funded should include any unfunded eligible applications carried over from the previous scoring periods. As allocated funds allow, offices may proceed to select, approve, and sign priority contracts in ranked order from this third scoring period.

Applications received after January 31 should be accepted and basic applicant information entered into ProTracts as a Pending status. If additional funds become available, these applications can be developed for additional scoring periods.

Special emphasis funds for American Indian, New Immigrant Farmer, and Beginning Farmer funds remain available to all offices. Drought Assistance, Nutrient Management Initiative and PL-566 Watershed special initiatives are available to designated counties. Follow your ASTC (FO)'s policy regarding these applications.

Applications scoring 0 points in the national issues of the ranking tool are low priority applications and not eligible for funding.

Questions should be directed to your Assistant State Conservationist (FO) or through the Area to Tim Koehler, Assistant State Conservationist.

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