

Rio Grande Basin Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)- Phase II

Supplementary Request for completion of Agreement and Implementation of Project

SCOPE OF WORK:

- 1) Finalize the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Agreement between USDA and CCC, and the State of Colorado and the Agreement between the State of Colorado and the Special Improvement District of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. These Agreements have been drafted and will require reviews by the State of Colorado and the Special Improvement District legal counsel. There will likely be negotiations and edits to these documents prior to submission to USDA. These documents articulate the precise financial obligations of USDA and CCC and the Special Improvement District. **Final Agreement completion** : August-September, 2010 45 hours @ \$45.00/hour = \$2025.00. Travel: 2 round-trip visits to USDA in Denver from Sterling = 500 miles @ \$0.505 per mile = \$252.50; per diem @ \$30.00 per day = \$60.00. Total travel August-September, 2010 = \$312.50.
- 2) Assist Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR) and independent contractor with completion of Programmatic Environmental Assessment. The Programmatic Environmental Assessment is required to be completed upon approval of the Agreements. This process takes approximately 60 days to complete and assistance to the contractor will be required on an as needed basis through the process. Develop Amendments to the FSA 2-CRP Handbook. This document is the policy handbook that FSA field staff use to implement the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CREP is a part of CRP, but because CREP has certain provisions that are not a part of CRP, the CREP procedure must be included in the handbook. **PEA and 2-CRP Handbook Amendment completion** – October-November 2010: 190 hours @ \$45.00/ hour = \$8,550.00. Travel: one round-trip from Sterling to Alamosa = 730 miles @ \$0.050 per mile = \$368.65.00; per diem @ \$30.00 per day = \$120.00; motel @ \$87.50 per night = \$175.00. Total travel Oct.-Nov. = \$663.65.
- 3) Promotion and Implementation of CREP project. Prior to approval and the establishment of a date that CREP will be implemented, promotional activities and final implementation procedures will need to be developed. Articles for local newspapers and agricultural magazines, radio promotion and assisting FSA local offices in developing articles for their newsletters will be coordinated to ensure producers are aware of the program and the procedure they need to follow to participate in the program. Implementation materials will be developed to ensure proper tracking of contracts and enrollment and to provide an efficient application and enrollment process. **Promotion and Implementation:** 90 hours @ \$45.00 per hour - \$4,040.00. Travel: One round-trip from Sterling to Alamosa and one round-trip from Sterling to Denver = 980 miles @ 0.505 per mile = \$494.90 ; per diem @ \$30 per day x 3 days = \$90.00; motel @ \$87.50 x 2 nights = \$175. Total travel Dec.,2010 –Jan.,2011 = \$819.90.
- 4) CREP Coordination. USDA-FSA requires that the sponsoring entity of a CREP provide a dedicated CREP Manager to oversee, promote, and coordinate the activities of the project. These duties may include, but may not be limited to developing amendments, establishing procedure, providing technical advice, developing monitoring protocol, coordinating the monitoring program, communicating with other partners, making specific recommendations for improvement, resolving technical issues pertaining to land eligibility, and addressing specific

questions on a day to day basis. Many of these activities require communications with local, state, and national FSA offices, NRCS offices, and other partners with interests in the program. This coordination is critical to continued support of the program and its overall success. **CREP Coordination:** 90 hours @ \$45.00 per hour - \$4,040.00. Travel: One round-trip from Sterling to Denver = 250 miles @ 0.505 per mile = \$126.25; per diem @ \$30.00 per day x 1 day = \$30.00. Total travel Feb.-March 2011 = \$156.25.

- 5) CREP Coordination, continued. **CREP Coordination:** 135 hours @ \$45.00 per hour - \$6075.

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