Statement to Confirm Matching Funds
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program –
Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)
For General ACEP-ALE Enrollments
2018 Farm Bill

The following information is required prior to the dispersal of the Federal share of ACEP financial assistance funds for the acquisition of a general ACEP-ALE. The purpose of this form is to identify and confirm sources of the non-Federal share.

ACEP-ALE Parcel Name: _____

ACEP-ALE Agreement #: _____ ACEP-ALE Parcel ID #: _____

State: _____ County, Parish, or Borough: _____

A. Appraised fair market value of the agricultural land easement	$
B. Eligible Entity cash contribution[1/] for payment of easement compensation to the Landowner (Grantor) from the Eligible Entity's own cash resources	$
C. Federal share[2/] for payment of easement compensation to the Landowner (Grantor) through Eligible Entity • ***C** must not exceed 50% of **A**, and* • ***C** must not exceed **(B + E + Eligible Entity portions of F + G)***	$
D. Agricultural land easement purchase price ***(D = B + C)***	$
E. Landowner (Grantor) donation[3/] toward easement value ***(generally, E = A – D)***	$

*[1/]Eligible Entity cash contribution **(item B)** is limited to the amount provided by the Entity for payment of easement compensation to the Landowner (Grantor) and may include all sources of funds used to make such payment other than any funds provided by the Landowner or the Federal share provided under ACEP. This amount does not include any other costs (administrative, planning, stewardship, etc…) or nonmonetary items(in-kind activities, land from another parcel, etc…)*

*[2/]The Federal share provided as ACEP financial assistance **(item C)** to the Eligible Entity must not be used—for easement acquisition-related costs such as appraisal, survey, title insurance, legal fees; for planning costs, such as baseline documentation or agricultural land easement plan development; for easement monitoring or stewardship; or for any purpose other than the purchase of the agricultural land easement from the Landowner (Grantor).*

*[3/]Landowner Donation **(item E)** toward easement value may include a qualified conservation contribution (as defined by section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or a charitable donation. Landowners shall not donate any part of **items B, C,** or **D** back to the Eligible Entity.*

F. Easement Acquisition Related Costs[4/] Paid By: *(enter amount for each item)*	**Eligible Entity[5/]**	**Landowner**
F1. Appraisal *(by certified appraiser to USPAP/UASFLA standards)*	$	$
F2. Easement Boundary Survey *(by licensed surveyor and meeting State standards)*	$	$
F3. Phase-I Environmental Site Assessment *(by qualified environmental professional and meeting 40 CFR 312 standards)*	$	$
F4. Title Commitments/Reports	$	$
F5. Title Insurance	$	$
F6. Closing Costs	$	$
G. Stewardship and Monitoring Costs Paid By: *(enter amount for each item)*	**Eligible Entity**	**Landowner**
G1. Stewardship Funds Contributed by Eligible Entity *(from sources other than the Landowner (Grantor))*	$	
G2. Stewardship Funds Contributed by Landowner *(Landowner cost limited to 2% of **A,** unless entity has submitted to NRCS documentation for Landowner contributions of stewardship funds in excess of 2% of **A**)*		$

*[4/] For **items F1 through F6**, enter only the cost of the item procured from a third party for the provision of the listed report or service that meets the applicable ACEP-ALE requirements. Do not include in the Eligible Entity boxes, any amounts provided by the Landowner used to procure these items or vice versa.*

*[5/] If taken together, the Eligible Entity cash contribution **(item B)** and the Landowner donation **(item E)** are less than the Federal share **(item C)**, then any amounts of **items F1 through F6** paid by the Eligible Entity that are relied upon to meet the minimum non-Federal share requirement must be supported by copies of paid invoices or receipts or, for advance payments, outstanding invoices, provided by the Eligible Entity at the time the payment request is submitted.*

Certifications: ACEP-ALE Statement to Confirm Matching Funds

GRANTOR (Landowner) *(attach additional signature pages as needed)*

I certify that the information on this supporting form for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE is true, correct, and complete. I have been informed that the dollar amount listed above is the appraised fair market value of the agricultural land easement, and that I have agreed to grant an agricultural land easement on my property for $_____*(enter purchase price)*. I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility for the ACEP.

Grantor (Landowner) Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRANTEE (Eligible Entity) *(attach additional signature pages as needed)*
I certify that the information on this form for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE is true, correct, and complete. I further certify that the Eligible Entity's own contributions and costs as listed above have not come from additional donations, payments, loans, or fees made by or charged to the above-identified Grantors, immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the Grantors, either through formal or informal agreements. I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility of the entity for the ACEP.

Eligible Entity Name (please print): _____

Authorized Official (please print): _____

Signature by Authorized Official: _____ Date: _____

NRCS
I certify that I have communicated directly with the Grantor, who has confirmed to me all of the information listed above is true, correct, and complete. The Grantor has certified that the Eligible Entity's own contributions and costs as listed above will not come from additional donations, payments, loans, or fees made by or charged to the above-identified Grantor, immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the Grantor, either through formal or informal agreements. The Grantor understands that the purchase price is the amount he or she should receive at closing for the purchase of the agricultural land easement less any commensurate reduction to the Federal share provided by NRCS pursuant to the adjusted gross income limitations in 7 CFR part 1400. The Grantor further understands that the ACEP-ALE does not require a Landowner donation or contributions to stewardship or acquisition funds.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature by NRCS Representative: _____ Date: _____