Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)

Supplement to the SF-270 for ACEP-ALE Grant Agreements

This supplement and all documents required by this supplement must be completed and attached to the SF-270 for every agricultural land easement for which an advance or reimbursement of ACEP-ALE financial assistance funds is requested by a certified eligible entity under an ACEP-ALE grant agreement. NRCS will verify that all certifications and documents have been received and the completed SF-270, SF-270 supplement have been correctly completed prior to, and required documentation submitted to NRCS before NRCS may disburse payment.

Clear Form

ACEP-ALE Agreement Number:	ACEP-ALE Parcel ID Number:
Certified Eligible Entity Name:	
Certified Eligible Entity Tax Identification Number (TIN):	Certified Eligible Entity DUNS:
Landowner's Name (continue on additional pages and attach if needed):	
Landowner's Address:	
Landowner's Telephone Number:	
Total Federal Share Requested from NRCS for the Agricultural Land Easement: _____	ACEP-ALE Grant Agreement Originally Executed Under: ***(select only one)*** ○ 2014 Farm Bill (Agricultural Act of 2014) ○ 2018 Farm Bill (Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018)

Attach the following to SF-270:

1. A copy of the NRCS approved agricultural land easement deed with all exhibits. If a reimbursement is requested, then the deed must be a copy of the recorded document and include a recording receipt

2. Completed Form NRCS-CPA-230, "Statement to Confirm Matching Funds" as follows:
   a. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2014 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Grant Agreement:
      - Use Form NRCS-CPA-230C for General ALE parcels, or
      - Use Form NRCS-CPA-230D for ALE-GSS parcels.
   b. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2018 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Grant Agreement:
      - Use Form NRCS-CPA-230E for General ALE parcels, or
      - Use Form NRCS-CPA-230F for ALE-GSS parcels.
      - Additionally, include copies of paid invoices or receipts, or for advance payments, outstanding invoices, for procured costs paid by the certified eligible entity to a third party for items identified on the Form NRCS-CPA-230 that are relied upon to meet the minimum non-Federal share requirement.

3. A hardcopy and electronic copy of the appraisal report or other determination of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement.

4. A certificate of use and consent (NRCS-LTP-23) or substantively similar document with the summary of the certified eligible entity's findings or recommendations.

5. If applicable, a copy of the agricultural land easement plan signed by the landowner and the certified eligible entity.

6. A copy of the baseline documentation report signed by the certified eligible entity

7. Any impervious surface waiver requests and supporting documentation.

8. A map of any existing and proposed building envelopes.

9. Certified Eligible Entity Cash Contribution toward Payment of Easement Compensation to the Landowner:
   a. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2014 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Grant Agreement: If applicable, a copy of the NRCS approval letter for the waiver of the certified eligible entity cash contribution requirement
   b. For an ACEP-ALE acquired under a 2018 Farm Bill ACEP-ALE Grant Agreement: If the certified eligible entity is contributing less than 10 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement in the form of a cash contribution for payment of easement compensation to the landowner, the certified eligible entity must provide an estimate of annual costs and staff time (minimum 10-year projection) required to conduct management, monitoring, and enforcement of the parcel (e.g. on-site visits, aerial image review, title review, completion of monitoring report, follow-up on findings) and evidence of sufficient funding or capacity (e.g., balances and projections for dedicated funds, stewardship or endowment funds, program appropriations, staffing levels, or other resources dedicated to the management, monitoring, and enforcement of the individual parcel).

10. If a request for reimbursement of the Federal share, a copy of the American Land Title Association (ALTA) title insurance policy

11. If a request for an advance of the Federal share:
   a. A complete and signed copy of the "NRCS Closing Agent Requirements"
   b. A copy of the ALTA title commitment and underlying documents
   c. A signed settlement statement prepared by the closing agent
   d. Evidence of liability insurance coverage or indemnification in an amount at least equal to the Federal funds provided as cost share for the purchase of the agricultural land easement, providing for reimbursement to the insured party for any loss of Federal funds caused by fraud, dishonesty, negligence, or failure by the attorneys, closing agents, or closing agents' employees to comply with the written closing instructions

The undersigned certified eligible entity certifies that they have participated in the Agricultural Land Easement component of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program according to all program requirements and the terms and conditions of the above-referenced ACEP-ALE grant agreement and the requirements of certification as a certified eligible entity. The undersigned certified eligible entity will hereafter be referred to as the "participant." The participant specifically certifies that it is acquiring or has acquired an agricultural land easement that—

1. Addresses in the agricultural land easement deed all of the regulatory deed requirements identified at 7 CFR Section 1468.25(d) as published at the time the ACEP-ALE grant agreement was originally executed and includes the prescribed United States right of enforcement as stated in the above-referenced ACEP-ALE grant agreement. Additionally, for ACEP-ALE grant agreements executed under the 2014 Farm Bill, includes the requirement for the agricultural land easement to have and be subject to an agricultural land easement plan that meets the requirements of 7 CFR Section 1468.26(a) as published at the time the ACEP-ALE grant agreement was originally executed.

2. Is unencumbered by outstanding or reserved interests, or, if encumbered, such encumbrances are subordinated to the agricultural land easement, or, if encumbered by unsubordinated encumbrances, such encumbrances are consistent with 7 CFR Part 1468 and the above-referenced ACEP-ALE grant agreement.

3. Is insured through an owner's American Land Title Association (ALTA) policy with the participant listed as the insured on the policy and the policy issued for the full amount of the agricultural land easement purchase price.

The participant certifies that they have obtained a determination of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement at its own cost using one of the methods set forth in 7 CFR Section 1468.24 and identified in the above-referenced ACEP-ALE grant agreement.

The participant certifies that it is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and are providing a valid DUNS number on this SF-270 supplement. NRCS will not disburse funds for an agricultural land easement until all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements have been met.

The participant certifies that highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for each landowner of record for the above-identified parcel is current and on file with the appropriate USDA service center agency.

It is the responsibility of the participant to provide accurate information to support all items identified in this SF-270 supplement to the request for payment. False certifications are subject to criminal and civil fraud statutes.

Signature of Certified Eligible Entity Authorized Representative:	Date:

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