

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet - Required for each EQIP Applicant			
Applicants Name:		County:	FSA Office:
Step One: IS THE APPLICANT READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO CARRY OUT Terms of Contract			

1. Does this applicant have an existing EQIP contract? Yes No

Is any cost share practice in the existing EQIP Contract two or more years behind in schedule for installation?

If yes,, do not rank in initial funding cycle. Defer to very low priority for ranking. Document and see instructions for deferred applications. Yes No **Go to Question 2**

2. Does the applicant meet any of the following criteria:

- Voluntarily terminated a prior year contract¹
- Had a contract terminated due to non-compliance or
- Failed to implement all practices, without just cause, of a contract that expired

If yes, do not rank in initial funding cycle. Defer application to Document and see instructions for deferred applications. Yes No **Go to Question 3**

3. Applicant is ready, willing & able to install a cost share practice within the first 12 months of the contract. Yes No **Defer application** until next fund cycle , document & notify per instructions.

Go to Step 2

STEP TWO: Additional Screening			POINTS
1. A practice in the applicant's existing EQIP contract is one year behind year behind installation schedule?	Yes No or N/A	Enter - (-3) points Enter - 0 points	
2. Is 2003 application supported by current approved conservation plan that address one or more of the locally identified resource concerns ?	Yes No	Enter - 3 points Enter - 0 points	
3. Will contract address (3a) the local primary resource concern to the "RMS" level &/or are any (3b) additional resource concerns being addressed to the "RMS" level,	3a. Yes 3b. Yes 3c. No	Enter - 3 points Enter - 2 points Enter - 1 points	
4. Does contract address at a minimum (4a) the local work group primary resource concern at a progressive level to meet Quality Criteria (RMS) and	4a. Yes 4b. No	Enter - 2 points Enter - 0 points	
5. Does the EQIP application address one or more of the following national and statewide concerns :			
(a) Reduction of pollutants from AFO/CAFO operations	Yes No	Enter - 9 points Enter - 0 points	
(b) Reduction of non-point source pollutants such as ground &/or surface water pollutants for purpose of CWA, to meet state requirements for 303 d listed waters or TMDL requirements	Yes No	Enter - 7 points Enter - 0 points	
(c) Conservation of ground & surface water where water delivery is measured or will be measured as result of EQIP contract and IWM will be contracted.	Yes No	Enter - 5 points Enter - 0 points	
6. Does application address one or more of the following national concerns :			
(a) Air Quality Pollutants: particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, ozone precursors & depleters that contribute to air quality violation of National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Points can only be taken if application is in a PM10 or PM2.5 non containment area.	Yes No	Enter - 2 points Enter - 0 points	
(b) Soil Erosion (Does not include HEL compliance, see instructions)	Yes No	Enter - 2 points Enter - 0 points	
(c) Habitat for "at risk" species as identified by State Technical For purposes of FY 2003, only T&E species will be considered. No "at risk" species approved by STCommittee for FY 2003	Yes No	Enter " 2" points Enter " 0" points	

Step Three: Action: Circle Priority		TOTAL STATEWIDE SCREENING POINTS:	
If Total Score Is:	9 points or more	High Priority	Rank application immediately using state approved ranking template. If application meets a statewide funding criteria, rank, place on ranking report(s).(See instructions)
	3 - 8 points	Medium Priority	Rank only if there are no high priority applications or if local EQIP funds remain available. Rank using state approved ranking template or approved local template. Place on ranking report. (See instructions)
	-3 to 2 points	Low Priority	Do No Rank. Defer to next funding cycle or program year. (See instructions)
Step Four: Local work group can further screen their high and medium priority applications before ranking (attach locally approved screening information)			

¹ If contract was voluntarily terminated due to an approved hardship, do not mark or cancel application. Must be supported by approval by State Conservationist or designee and documented request for termination by participant.

