

# Technical Service Provider Overview

March 24, 2015



#### USDA 2008 Farm Bill

The 2008 Farm Bill amended the 1985
 Farm Bill, which authorized use of TSPs, by allowing NRCS participant contract holders to receive technical assistance by individuals and entities other than NRCS.



#### USDA 2008 Farm Bill

 This provision is designed to ensure NRCS has the capacity to address the significant workload associated with implementing Farm Bill programs.



#### Overview

 Technical Service Providers (TSPs) are individuals or businesses certified to help agricultural producers plan and apply conservation practices on their land.



#### Overview

TSPs work with the Natural Resources
 Conservation Service (NRCS) to
 ensure conservation services are
 delivered quickly and efficiently.



### When working with NRCS, TSPs can:

 Develop specialized conservation plans to identify resource concerns on the farm or ranch; (Example: Conservation Activity Plans)



### When working with NRCS, TSPs can:

- Design, lay out and install conservation practices to address resource concerns; (Example: NRCS Conservation Practice Implementation)
- and



### When working with NRCS, TSPs can:

 Inspect completed practices for certification and payment, as applicable. (Example: NRCS Practice Documentation Checklist)

Practice Specifications Approval and Completion Certification					
Client's Acknowledgement (To be signed after Job sheet is completed and before practice installation.)					
By signing below, I acknowledge that I:  • have reviewed and understand the site specific design, installation specifications and operation/maintenance requirements in this Job Sheet and have an understanding of purposes and oriteria for use of this conservation practice:  • will install, operate, and maintain this conservation practice in accordance with the site specific Job Sheet specifications.  • will make no changes to the planned design and installation without prior written approval of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.  • will obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and comply with all ordinances and taws pertaining to the installation; and  • will assume responsibility for notifying all Utilities affected by the installation, operation and maintenance of this conservation practice.					
Signature Date					
Required Job Approval Authority or TSP Certification Category					
NBCS Seb Approval Archaeley (8th Class required for design and introduction), (I. E. El, N. or V).					
Conservation Practice JAA: Design: Installation:					
Practice Units of Measure:					
lequired Certification Categories for Technical Service Providers					
"TECHREG CATEGORY" Listed for this Practice:					
ractice Design Certification: (To be completed after Job Sheet is complete and before practice installation.)					
By signing below, I  The conservation practice planning and design outlined in this Job Sheet Specification meet the purposes, associated criteria, appropriate site conditions and client objectives; and I have the required Job Approval Authority or TSP certification required for this conservation practice design.					
tigasture Date					
Technical Service Provider					
Print Name Title					
Practice Installation Certification (To be completed after practice installation and check out)  By signing below, I certify that:  The practice has been installed according to the site specific installation requirements and specifications;  The required operation and maintenance requirements are being met.  I have the required Job Approval Authority or TSP Certification for this conservation practice installation.					
Signature Date					
Technical Service Provider					
Print Name Yitle					
Certification and Check-out Notes: (Refer to photos or map or drawings if used):					

USDA is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.



 The NRCS participant contract holder selects an individual, entity, American Indian Tribe, or public agency from the list of certified TSPs.



 The provided technical services must meet all legal, technical, and programmatic requirements.



 Funding is made available at the State level through NRCS.



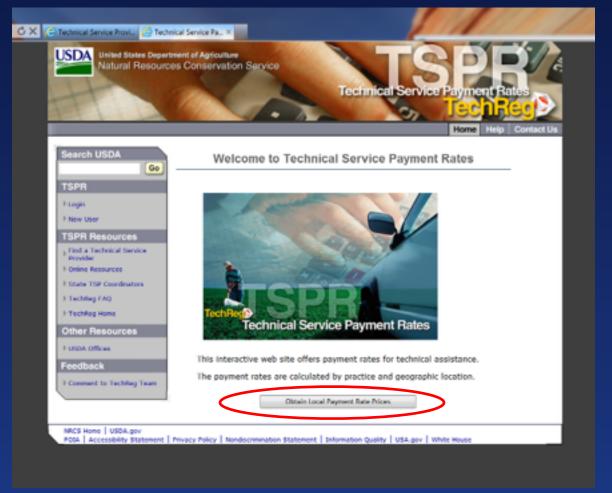
 The practice must be obligated in the NRCS participant contract prior to TSP services being commenced.



### Funding for TSP's NRCS Conservation Practice Assistance

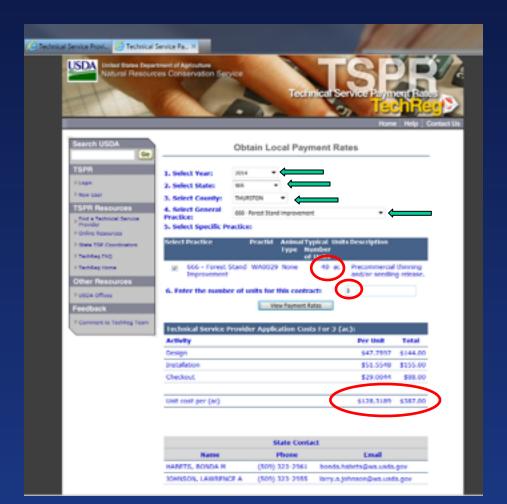
TSP Payment Rates Vary Depending on:

- 1. Practice
- 2. Number of units
- 3. Regional Rate





## Funding for TSP's NRCS Conservation Practice Assistance





# Funding for TSP's CAP 106, Forest Management Plan

106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP Less Than or Equal to 20 acres	988.09
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	HU-FMP Less Than or Equal to 20 acres	1185.71
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 21 to 100 acres	1248.12
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	HU-FMP 21 to 100 acres	1497.74
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 101 to 250 acres	2236.22
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	HU-FMP 101 to 250 acres	2683.46
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 251 to 500 acres	3224.31
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	HU-FMP 251 to 500 acres	3869.17
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP 501 to 1000 acres	3744.36
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	HU-FMP 501 to 1000 acres	4493.23
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	FMP Greater Than 1000 acres	4680.45
106	EQIP	Forest Management Plan	HU-FMP Greater Than 1000 acres	5616.54



#### Questions?

**Larry Johnson TSP Coordinator** 

LAWRENCE A. JOHNSON, P.E. State Conservation Engineer 316 W. Boone Ave, #450 Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 323-2955