

Grassland Protection Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Incentive
Prairie Ridge State Natural Area

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The Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District has provided the following services in order to promote and encourage landowners to participate in the Grassland Protection Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Incentive payment in the Prairie Ridge State Natural Area.

In order to develop a mailing list of landowners in the priority area, a map of the Prairie Ridge priority area was completed. To build this map fifty aerial photos were pieced together to form the priority area. Then the existing CRP acreage, Prairie Ridge properties and pasture lands were identified. A list of the remaining tracts and farms was made. From this list of tract and farm numbers a database of landowner and operator names and addresses was compiled.

To inform potential landowners of the incentive payment a flyer was developed explaining the incentive payment. (See attached copy) A mailing was sent to nearly 300 landowners and or operators. From this mailing, the District received a large number of inquiries about the incentive payment. District and NRCS personnel talked with interested landowners and operators and explained the incentive payment being offered to them.

During the 26th CRP signup, landowners placed bids on 914.5 acres on twenty-nine tracts in the Prairie Ridge priority area. The incentive payment was explained to all of these landowners by staff members.

A list of every offer in the Prairie Ridge priority area was completed. A map for each of the twenty-nine bids placed was made. This information was requested by personnel at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area for reporting purposes.

Jasper County had seven tracts in the priority area accepted and Richland County had 1 tract accepted in the CRP signup. The District now has eight landowners with 100.1 acres in the priority area to work with on seeding and establishment of their CRP acres.

The SWCD staff including the AC, RC and a part-time employee along with assistance from NRCS staff has been working on this project. The following are items that will be completed in the future. Every landowner will be contacted and a list of all requirements will be agreed upon and signed by the District and the landowner. These requirements will include meeting NRCS specifications for seeding their practices and proper maintenance of each practice. Upon seeding completion, the landowner will be required to provide documentation of mixture seeded to the SWCD. A field visit (status review) by District personnel will be made to insure proper seeding and establishment of practice. After SWCD approval, payment will be made to the landowners.

The District will also require each landowner to remain in CRP for the length of their contract. If the landowner chooses to terminate the CRP contract at anytime, the \$200.00 per acre incentive payment will be returned to the SWCD, who will then return the payment to IDNR.

The District will maintain a complete record for each landowner receiving the incentive payment. Included in this will be all signed contracts, maps, seeding recommendations, status reviews, correspondence, record of payment and any other pertinent information. This documentation will be provided to IDNR upon request.

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Task	Items Completed	Hours to Complete	Completed By	Expense
Map of Priority Area made-50 aerial maps used		16	Part-Time Employee	
Existing CRP acreage, Prairie Ridge properties and pasture land was identified in map		14	Part-Time Employee	
Compiled a list of remaining tract and farm numbers (over 500 tract numbers)		20	Part-Time Employee	
Looked up name and address information of every landowner and operator on list(over 900 names)		40	AC & Part-Time Employee	
Inputted names and addresses in database and created mailing labels		30	AC & Part-Time Employee	
Produced a flyer to be mailed to landowners and operators		16	AC	
Prepared mailing for 300 landowners and operators		10	AC & Part-Time Employee	\$111.00
Postage for 300 mailings				\$50.00
Cost of paper for mailing and copying				
Answering questions about CRP Incentive Area		30	AC, RC and DC	
Preparing list and maps of 29 CRP applications in Incentive Area		15	AC	
Time communicating with Richland and Marion County FSA & NRCS offices		5	AC & DC	
Preparing list and information on the 8 accepted CRP contracts in area		10	AC	
Meetings held with IDNR personnel		6	AC, RC and DC	
Telephone calls with IDNR personnel		6		
	Items to be completed			
Contact with landowners		25	AC, RC and DC	
Administrative time needed for completing paperwork required		20	AC, RC and DC	
Status Review completion time		25	AC, RC and DC	
Time for communication between District and IDNR		12	AC, RC and DC	
Total Hours		300	X 25.00/hr	\$7,500.00
Total Expenses				\$7,661.00

Incentive Payment Available for CRP Grassland Establishment in Jasper County

The Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District and Illinois Department of Natural Resources are offering an additional incentive for landowners to establish new grassland areas under the 26th CRP sign-up. The incentive is a one-time payment of **\$200.00 per acre**. This is in addition to the annual rental and cost share payments available through CRP. The purpose of the project is to provide additional habitat for declining grassland plants and animals. Most noted among these is the Greater Prairie Chicken.

To qualify for the payment, land must be:

- **Successfully enrolled into CRP during the 26th CRP sign-up**
- **Lie within the designated incentive area in Smallwood, Fox and Wade Townships (See map on reverse side)**
- **40 contiguous acres or more in size**
- **Planted to an approved mixture of grasses**

Total enrollment for the incentive payment will be limited to just over 1700 acres in Jasper, Richland and Marion Counties. If more acres are offered for the incentive, IDNR will use the USDA CRP Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) as a tool in determining accepted acreage.

The 26th CRP sign-up is running from May 5th to May 30th. Contact the Jasper County Farm Service Agency at 618-783-2319 ext. 2 for additional information about the 26th CRP sign-up.

For additional information on the CRP incentive, contact the Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District at 618-783-2319 ext. 3. Incentive program participants must enter into an agreement with the SWCD and IDNR to maintain the grassland cover for 10 years. IDNR biologists will work with participants to develop planting and management plans for the accepted acreage.

The Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability. This policy covers all programs, services, and procedures of the district, including employment.

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Project Description:

The Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide a cash incentive payment of \$200/acre for landowners enrolling 1 or more acres into the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup # 26 for a minimum of 10 years. These acres must lie within the boundaries of the Prairie Ridge State Natural Priority Area (as approved by IDNR).

Funding for this project will be provided through a grant from IDNR to the Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$20020.00. The SWCD will receive 80% (\$16016.00) of the funds upon execution of a contract with IDNR the remaining 20% (\$4004.00) will be paid upon request of funds by the SWCD.

The Jasper County SWCD will make the incentive payments of \$20020.00 to the landowners listed below once all obligations as required by CRP have been met.

NAME	ACRES	INCENTIVE PYMT = ACRES X \$200.00	PRACTICE	CONTRACT #	TRACT #	FARM #	SEC	TWP	RANGE
JASPER COUNTY									
Don Frohning 4818 N 1100th St Newton, IL 62448	10.0	\$2,000.00	CP2	999	6841	5607	36	6N	9E
Warren Harvey 11524 E 300th Ave Newton, IL 62448	11.5	\$2,300.00	CP1	1000	3085	1496	1	5N	9E
Dave Hyatt 6237 N 1100th St Newton, IL 62448	3.0	\$600.00	CP4D CP12	1045	5787	3264	23	6N	9E
John Kistner 13932 E 500th Ave Newton, IL 62448	12.0	\$2,400.00	CP4D CP12	1049	4080	6834	10	5N	9E
Larry & Mack McCrillis 4410 E 900th Ave Newton, IL 62448	14.4	\$2,880.00	CP4D CP12	1054	2911	1443	27	6N	9E
Petronilla Volk 10228 E 100th Ave Newton, IL 62448	16.8	\$3,360.00	CP1	1008	2989	1398	23	5N	9E
Rex & Paul Woods 11148 E 875th Ave Newton, IL 62448	27.0	\$5,400.00	CP1 CP12	1013	4058	5926	17	6N	9E
RICHLAND COUNTY									
Ervan Volk 7863 N 1325th St Newton, IL 62448	5.4	\$1,080.00	CP1	962	5258	5211	36	5N	9E
Total Acres Enrolled	100.1								
Total Incentive Payments		\$20,020.00							

Contact Persons: Dale Nadler - Chairman-Jasper Co SWCD
Amy Frohning - Administrative Coordinator-Jasper Co SWCD
Brad Tarr - Resource Conservationist-Jasper Co SWCD



ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
Purchase Request

Original-White-Procurement
Duplicate-Canary-Site

Division Office of Resource Conservation		PURCHASE APPROVAL	
Fiscal Year 2004	Record No.	Purchase Approval Requester is authorized to purchase per specifications, quantities and costs as listed below. Goods or services must be ordered by June 30th of current fiscal year.	
Reference Doc. # <u>G2004015</u>	DNR No. 03-L07W		
Appropriation 909-42220-1900-0000			
Sub-Account 7500	Detailed Object Code 1289		
		Signature _____	Date _____

Type of Purchase: Contractual Commodities Printing (attach specs and previous P.O.)
 Permanent Improvements Equipment Other

Item No.	Name of Item	Quantity Requested	Estimated Unit Price	Total Est. Cost
	Size, Color, Dimensions, and full Description of Items or services (Only one contract per request)			
	PROJECT #R-7-1			
	Provide assistance with other funding sources to coordinate CRP sign up within focus area of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper & Marion Counties			
	Jasper County SWCD - Administrative Costs <u>G2004015</u>	1	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
	Seed for Prairie Ridge State Natural Area	1	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
	CHANGE FUNDING SOURCES FROM 391-42211-6900-0023 (0000) to 909-42220-1900-0000 (7500)			
	TOTAL	2	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00

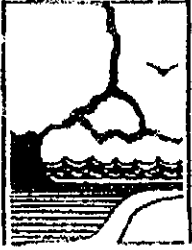
Attachments: Yes _____ No _____ Type _____

Ship To: _____

Bill To: Brian Reilly
 Office of Resource Conservation, 3rd Floor
 One Natural Resources Way
 Springfield, IL 62702-1271 (217) 785-8693

Justification/Trade-In Information _____
 EDP Purchases: I-T Plan Project _____
 Possible Source of Supply _____
 Jasper County Soil & Water Conservation District
 1403 Clayton Avenue
 Newton, IL 62448
 Dennis Clancy (618) 783-2319 office (618) 783-2374 fax

Liaison Approval _____
 Name of Area Program Grassland Protection CRP Incentive
 Location Code 20-3532 Region 0
 Requested by B Reilly Date 12/17/03
 Supervisor Approval [Signature] Date 12/18/03
 Division Approval [Signature] Date 12/19/03
 Finance Officer [Signature] Date 12/18/03



**ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL
RESOURCES**

MEMORANDUM

to: Brian Reilly

from: Scott Simpson

date: January 22, 2004

subject: Habitat Fund - Seed Money -\$3400.00

I received the following bids for grass/forb seed.

Cool season grasses/legumes

- 1) Schultz Turf and Seed - \$1524.00
- 2) Effingham Equity - \$2490.00

Prairie Forb Seed

- 1) Hamilton Seeds - \$1875.00
- 2) Earthskin Nursery - They were contacted for a bid, but I did not receive one. I tried calling them but no answer.

In Summary, by accepting the low bid of \$1524.00 and \$1875.00, these add up to \$3399.00, just below the Grant funds of \$3400.00. Please submit for authorization to purchase these seeds. Thanks

FROM : HAMILTON SEEDS

FAX NO. : 417-967-5934

Jan. 21 2004 09:35AM P:

HAMILTON SEEDS
16786 BROWN RD
ELK CREEK, MO 65464

REX & AMY HAMILTON
PH: 417-967-2190
FAX: 417 967-5934

This is a price quote not an invoice

DATE

01-01-21

Quote for: IL DNR c/o Scott Simpson

Phone: (fax 618-783-2685)

LOT	DESCRIPTION	Amount	Unit	Unit Cost	TOTAL \$
	Illinois Bundleflower	50	pd	\$8.00	\$400.00
	Prairie Clover, Purple	50	pd	\$13.45	\$672.50
	Partridge Poa	50	pd	\$9.25	\$462.50
	Coneflower, Pale Purple	4.5	pd	\$72.00	\$324.00
-Sub Total A					\$1,859.00
Shipping, FOB Destination					\$16.00
-Total B					\$1,875.00
-MO Sales Tax					
-Total C					\$1,875.00

Go Native with Hamiltons!

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EFFINGHAM EQUITY

BOX 488 - EFFINGHAM, IL 62401
PHONE (217) 342-4101 - TOLL FREE 800-223-1337

Alma
(618) 547-3222
800-625-9267

Attamoni
(618) 483-6325
800-483-6341

Arcola
(217) 268-3270

Branch
(217) 225-5269
800-590-7229

Alma
(618) 243-6571
800-378-5831

Lovington
(217) 543-3467
800-488-3467

Marana
(217) 626-0331
800-833-8327

Montrose
(217) 824-4187
800-780-0862

Pana
(217) 582-8011
800-552-6005

Redmor.
(618) 586-5451
800-477-2638

Stewardson
(217) 682-3366
800-677-2703

West Liberty
(618) 723-0487
800-227-0524

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Sales Proposal

Contract # 53564

FERTILIZER • FARM SUPPLIES • FEEDS • GRAIN • SEEDS • PETROLEUM • AG CHEMICALS

Customer Name
36465 IL DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Prairie Ridge SNA
4295 N 1000TH ST
Newton IL 62448

Issued: 1/15/2004
Priced: 1/15/2004
Begin: 1/15/2004
Expire: 2/14/2004
Branch: S W. LIBERTY
Desc: grass seed

Item Description/Comments	for	Units U/M	Price	P	T	L	Extension
6200 SMOOTH BROMEGRASS	1/04	400.00 LB	1.1500	F	N	N	\$460.00
6175 VERNAL ALFALFA	1/04	250.00 LB	1.7500	F	N	N	\$437.50
6250 RED TOP	1/04	250.00 LB	2.2500	F	N	N	\$562.50
6195 TIMOTHY	1/04	100.00 EA	1.0000	F	N	N	\$100.00
6120 ALSIKE CLOVER	1/04	300.00 LB	1.1000	F	N	N	\$330.00
6125 LADINO CLOVER	1/04	250.00 LB	2.4000	F	N	N	\$600.00

Net Amount \$2,490.00

AUTHORIZED COMPANY / BUYER SIGNATURE

DATE

AUTHORIZED CUSTOMER / SELLER SIGNATURE

DATE

TERMS: NET. A LATE CHARGE of 5% is due on this invoice if not paid by the 12th of the following month. A FINANCE CHARGE of 2% PER MONTH, which is an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE of 24% charged on amounts over 30 days old.

01/16/2004 11:29 FAX 1 217 347 5473

SCHULTZ TURF

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PRICE QUOTE



"Illinois's Turf & Forage Seed Specialists"™

DATE: January 15, 2004

COMPANY NAME:	IDNR SCOTT SIMPSON NEWTON, IL
PHONE #	
FAX #	618-793-8418
SHIP TO:	SAME

SCHULTZ TURF & FORAGE SEED

P.O. BOX 1823
EFFINGHAM, IL 62401

(217) 347-5474
fax (217) 347-5473

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION / LOT NO.	QUALITY	PRICE (\$/UNIT)	TOTAL (\$)
400	lbs	BROMEGRASS		\$ 0.85 p/lb	\$ 340.00
250	lbs	VERNAL ALFALFA		\$ 0.89 p/lb	\$ 222.50
250	lbs	MEDIUM RED CLOVER		\$ 0.90 p/lb	\$ 225.00
100	lbs	CLIMAX TIMOTHY		\$ 0.54 p/lb	\$ 54.00
300	lbs	ALSKA CLOVER		\$ 0.65 p/lb	\$ 195.00
250	lbs	LADINO CLOVER		\$ 1.95 p/lb	\$ 487.50
TOTAL WT (#) 1,650					TOTAL SALE \$ 1,524.00

F.O.B.: EFFINGHAM
 SHIPMENT: 1 Week after order
 PACKAGING: 50#
 TERMS: 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF DELIVERY
 QUOTE GOOD TILL February 15, 2004
 REMARKS:

FOR: IDNR

QUOTE BY: DAVID WINKLER

DATE: 01/15/04

David Winkler