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**OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK450-4-3**

**SUBJECT: TCH – Technical Service Provider Request for Proposals**

**Purpose:** To provide field offices information and distribute a press release announcing the issuance of the request for proposals for Technical Service Providers.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2004

NRCS is seeking sources of technical services for participants in USDA Farm Programs. Participants have the opportunity to access conservation program technical assistance for planning, installation, and certification of conservation practices through either their local NRCS Field Service Center or through the use of Technical Service Providers (TSPs). Over the last year, individuals and businesses have become certified as TSPs to provide technical assistance through the "NRCS Technical Service Provider Registry" or "TechReg" at: <http://techreg.usda.gov>.

In addition, six Request for Proposals (RFPs) for potential vendors for technical services for fiscal year 2004 have been posted on the FedGrants website at: <http://fedgrants.gov>. The result of these RFPs will be cooperative agreements under which NRCS will direct technical assistance to private landowners participating in NRCS programs by technical service providers. This is in addition to the currently available option for program participants to select technical service providers from TechReg. The six RFPs are for the following technical services:

- Comprehensive Nutrient Management (CNMP) and Nutrient Management (NMP) Planning Services;
- Wetlands Reserve Program Design and Construction Assistance;
- Irrigation System and Irrigation Water Conveyance Component Implementation;
- Conservation Reserve Program Planning Services;
- Grassland Reserve Program Baseline Inventory Assistance; and
- Survey, Design, Layout and Construction Inspection of Conservation Practices.

The due date and specific proposal requirements from interested vendors are described in each of the RFPs and are either due by close of business on July 7 or 8, 2004. A press release is attached for each office to use in advertising these requests.

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Attachment

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