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GRANT PROGRAM SEEKS INNOVATIVE RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROJECTS FOR AGRICULTURE

Boise, Idaho, March 11, 2013 – The [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) in Idaho set aside \$150,000 for the 2013 Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) program which funds projects that stimulate new ways to conserve resources on agricultural lands. Pre-proposal applications are due to the Idaho NRCS State Office by 4 p.m. on April 12, 2013.

“This grant program funds progressive, on-the-ground conservation projects on agricultural land,” said Jeff Burwell, Idaho NRCS State Conservationist. “It offers an opportunity for organizations or individuals to get funding for one- to three-year projects that work on solutions to specific agricultural related resource problems.”

“We are looking for proposals that lead to creative conservation techniques or technologies that producers can adopt,” said Burwell. “They should take methods that have been shown to work and apply them to field demonstration or pilot projects.”

The application process has two-phases: a pre-proposal application followed by a full proposal package for selected applicants. Grants will be awarded through a statewide competitive process. The maximum individual grant amount may not exceed \$75,000.

Applications that best meet the grant criteria and address state priorities will be selected for funding consideration. Selected applicants will be notified by April 26, 2013 and must develop and submit a comprehensive proposal to the Idaho NRCS State Office by 4 p.m. on May 20, 2012.

Pre-proposal applications must be received by 4 p.m. on April 12, 2013 at the Idaho NRCS State Office, 9173 W. Barnes Drive, Suite C, Boise, Idaho, 83709 or electronically through <http://www.grants.gov>.

Projects must take place in Idaho and address resource concerns related to soil health, nutrient management, energy conservation, wildlife or other resource concerns. Complete application requirements, along with application materials, are posted on the Idaho NRCS Web site at <http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/state.html>. Information on past years’ projects are also posted.

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