RIM-WRP LANDOWNER APPLICATION ADDENDUM

- A. Check the land ownership. Obtain a copy of Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed, or Trustees Deed, Contract for Deed or other document showing how the applicant took title to the land that is being considered for enrollment.
 - 1. If the landowner has not owned the land for 7 years from the date of application they are not eligible for WRP. Do not submit an application that is not eligible.
 - 2. If applicant is eligible, Submit 2 copies of the following:

Copy of Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed, or Trustees Deed, Contract for Deed or other documents showing how the applicant took title to the land, and who is empowered to sign legal documents, for the land that is being considered for enrollment. **Do not submit;** abstracts copies of abstract covers or property tax statements

- B. Proof of compliance with AGI, HELC and Wetland Conservation provisions.
 - <u>Landowner</u> must secure proof from the Farm Services Agency (FSA) that <u>all individuals who</u> <u>have interest in the property</u> (those listed on the deed) are compliant with the Highly Erodible Lands and Wetlands Conservation Compliance (HELC/WC Compliance) provisions of the Farm Bill. <u>ALL individuals with interest in the land must be AGI compliant.</u> NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - **2.** District Conservationist will obtain proof from the FSA Subsidiary Website at https://northsea.sc.egov.usda.gov/Subsidiary/Subsidiary.do
 - a.ALL parties to a contract for deed
 - **b.** Those who have a life estate in the property
 - **3.** <u>Landowner</u> must fill out a CCC-927 or CCC-928 for the program year. They must send it to the IRS address listed on the form.

C. If the landowner is an entity, such as a corporation, Trust, LLC:

- 1. The entity must provide to FSA a list of the individuals that comprise the entity including the percent of ownership for each individual.
- 2. The entity must secure proof from FSA that each individual within the entity is in compliance with the HELC/WC and AGI provisions of the Farm Bill.
- **3.** The entity must provide documents to the FSA and the NRCS that show the entity to be a legal and valid entity in the State and which member(s) has the authority to sign contractual documents on behalf of the entity.
- **4.** Documents indicating who has the authority to sign contractual arrangements for the entity.
- **5.** Power of Attorney forms, if any (for entities as well as individuals)
- **6.** Proof that entity is a legal and valid entity in the State. Usually a certificate of good standing from the Secretary of State.
- 7. IF ANY landowner with interest in the land or ANY member of an entity IS NOT AGI or HEL/WC compliant, the application IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR WRP. DO NOT SUBMIT an application that is not eligible.
- **8.** For a Trust
 - **a.** A current Certificate of Trust
 - **b.** Copies of all Trust documents.