Dane County Contract Cover Sheet Res 295 Revised 01/2022								
Dept./Division		LWRD/Land Conservation		Contract #		5282		
Vendor Name		National Assoc. of	Conservation Districts	MUNIS #	5579	Type of Contract		ract
Brief Contract Title/Description		MOU for a technical assistance grant to offset costs with providing technical assistance by Land Conservation staff.			ane Count tergoverni ounty Less ounty Less urchase of	see sor		
Contract Term Contract Amount		12 months from signing\$74,298		Pr Gi	operty Sa rant her			
Name Phone # Email	Phone # 224-3730 Phone # 812-512-1811							
Purchasing Authority								
MUNIS Req.	Rec Yea	-	Org: Org: Org:	Obj: Obj: Obj:		Proj: Proj: Proj:		
Budget Amendment Image: A Budget Amendment has been requested via a Funds Transfer or Resolution. Upon addendum approval and budget amendment completion, the department shall update the requisition in MUNIS accordingly.								
Resolution Required if contract exceeds \$100,000 (\$40,000 PW)		Contract exceeds	exceed \$100,000 (\$4 \$100,000 (\$40,000 Pt olution is attached to t	ublic Works)	- resolution	required.	Res # Year	295 2023
CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS – Standard Terms and Conditions					nditions			

DOA:

Date In: _____1/5/24

□ No modifications. □ Modifications and reviewed by:

Non-standard Contract

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APPROVAL	APPROVAL – Contracts Exceeding \$100,000			
Dept. Head / Authorized Designee	Director of Administration	Corporation Counsel		
Hicklin, Laura Digitally signed by Hicklin, Laura Date: 2024.01.05 14:51:00 -06'00'				
APPROVAL – Internal Contract Review – Routed Electronically – Approvals Will Be Attached				

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Goldade, Michelle

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Goldade, Michelle Tuesday, January 9, 2024 9:4 Hicklin, Charles; Gault, David Stavn, Stephanie; Oby, Joe Contract #15282 15282.pdf		
Tracking:	Recipient	Read	Response
	Hicklin, Charles	Read: 1/9/2024 11:05 AM	Approve: 1/9/2024 11:05 AM
	Gault, David	Read: 1/9/2024 10:40 AM	Approve: 1/9/2024 10:45 AM
	Rogan, Megan	Read: 1/9/2024 9:56 AM	Approve: 1/9/2024 9:57 AM
	Stavn, Stephanie	Read: 1/9/2024 11:26 AM	
	Oby, Joe		

Please review the contract and indicate using the vote button above if you approve or disapprove of this contract.

Contract #15282 Department: Land & Water Resources Vendor: National Association of Conservation Districts Contract Description: MOU for technical assistance grant (Res 295) Contract Term: 2/1/24 – 2/1/25 Contract Amount: \$74,298.00

Michelle Goldade

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Please Note: I currently have a modified work schedule...I am in the office Mondays and Wednesdays and working remotely Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

1	2023 RES-295
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3	ACCEPTANCE OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS 2023 TECHNICAL
4	ASSISTANCE GRANT
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6	The Land & Water Resources Department as secured a \$74,298 technical assistance grant from
7	the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).
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9	The purpose of the grant is to increase the availability of technical assistance to Land
10	Conservation Division customers for the implementation of soil and water conservation
11	projects funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Natural
12	Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The
13	funding offsets the costs associated with providing technical assistance by existing Land
14	Conservation Division staff.
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16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County
17	Executive hereby accept the \$74,298 Technical Assistance Grant from NACD.
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19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Land & Water Resources Department Director and County
20	Conservationist are authorized to execute documents necessary to accept the funds, submit
21	reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation.
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23	BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the revenue account LWRCONSV 80156 NACD TA GRANT reflect
24	the addition of \$74,298. All funds shall be carried forward until realized and expended.

TA2023 Workplan Development

Applicant: Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

Contact: Amy Piaget Address: 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Room 208, Madison, WI 53718 Phone: (608) 212-9172 Email: piaget.amy@countyofdane.com

This form needs to be completed and returned to NACD. **Please respond prior to January 26, 2024**. If you wish to decline the funding, select the declination option on the last page.

Return to chessa-frahm@nacdnet.org and your NACD Region Representative.

Your revised funding award is below. Funding levels cannot be adjusted.				
	Funding Request			
		Proposal	Revised Request	
	FOIP	\$60000	\$ 44578 8	

EQIP	\$60000	\$ 44578.8
CSP	\$0	\$0
COTA	\$40000	\$ 29719.20
Total	\$100000	\$74298

Required non-federal match: \$18,574.50

Percent of original request funded: 75

Budgeted revisions required: Yes

Budget comments: Revise budget to reflect reduction in funding.

Grant Staffing

	Proposal	Revised
Resource Technicians:	0	<u>0</u>
Resource Conservationist/Planner:	1	<u>1</u>
Program Management Specialist:	0	<u>0</u>
Technical Specialist:	0	<u>0</u>
Organization Management:	0	<u>0</u>
Predicted Number of Hours worked:	2080	<u>2080</u>

Predicted Accomplishments

	Proposal	Revised
Expected Number of Contracts Obligated	20	<u>15</u>
Expected Number of Practices Implemented	20	<u>15</u>
Expected Number of Plans Assisted	20	<u>15</u>
Expected Number of CSP Presentations	0	<u>0</u>
Expected Number of Acres with Improved Management	1000	<u>750</u>
Expected Number of Acres with Practices Implemented	1000	<u>750</u>
Expected number of clients reached	50	<u>40</u>
Expected number of new producers reached	20	<u>15</u>
Expected number of Historically Unserved Producers reached	10	<u>8</u>

Expected Number of Farmer-to-Farmer Education	1	1	
Events/Presentations	1	_ ≛	
Expected Number of Participants at Education	20	20	
Events/Presentations	20	20	
Expected Number of New Coalitions or Partnerships	1	<u>1</u>	

Proposed Environmental Outcomes:

Interest in implementing conservation practices continues to soar in Dane County as the impacts of climate change such as heavy rains and warmer temperatures threaten our county's land and coldwater streams. To help continue to meet this high demand, we're requesting to maintain our current resource planner position to continue better serving our community members. Dane County would like to continue to expand upon the successes achieved with support provided from previous NACD grant support by implementing 15 EQIP contracts and conservation plans as well as assisting with 15 plans and implementation of 15 practices during a one-year period.

We will work with historically underserved and other interested landowners to assist with conservation planning and implementation of EQIP projects. Practice emphasis will be on solving soil erosion, water quality degradation, degraded plant condition, livestock production limitation, and inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife resource concerns. This will address concentrated flow erosion, excess nutrients to surface and groundwater, plant pest pressure, feed and forage imbalance, among other concerns all targeted at improving water quality and wildlife habitat. We will target practices such as grassed waterways, cover crops, pasture and hay planting, well decommissioning, and wildlife habitat planting. All efforts will target improvement of our nearly 40 impaired waters through conservation practice implementation.

Local Priorities:

The Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) strives to maintain viable agricultural lands for long-term production while protecting and improving our surface and groundwater resources for the public to enjoy. Dane County is home to the largest number of farm operations in Wisconsin and women producers represent 35% of the 4,366 producers in the County. Historically, male producers have been the decision makers and ones working with LWRD but as land ownership and decision making changes within our communities, it's important to ensure all producers are aware of conservation practices, resources, and cost-share options available. We strive to educate women landowners to empower and educate them on the conservation options that exist on the land they own and/or operate.

We've started addressing this need by partnering with Wisconsin Women in Conservation (WiWiC). WiWiC is a group that connects Wisconsin women landowners and provides information on conservation options. Many of the WiWiC members are beginning farmers. These farmers may not be aware of the conservation options available to them or potential cost-share funding assistance to help with getting their operation up and running.

Through our partnership with WiWiC, we've begun addressing conservation practices with seven landowners in a spring 2023 cohort. We hosted an informational webinar and outreach with individual landowners on land walks and provided conservation plans. We're now working with cohort members on technical assistance on recommended practices to address a variety of resource concerns. Interest is soaring among other WiWiC members to obtain plans and start implementing projects.

Through continuing our partnership with WiWiC, we plan to conduct outreach with additional women producers to write conservation plans and assist them with enrolling in Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). We will also continue

to network with historically underserved farmers through our other networks such as farmer-led organizations and watershed groups.

These efforts will allow for increased reach and environmental outcomes on land where conservation practice education and technical assistance have not been utilized in the past. Working with women producers and other historically underserved farmers in the County is an important step in achieving LWRD's vision to ensure all people are given the same opportunities for programs and services. These efforts will leverage existing watershed initiatives occurring in Dane County that are targeting the improvement of our nearly 40 impaired waters through conservation practice implementation. These initiatives include the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (WINS), adaptive management project and water quality trading projects.

Statement on Equity and Environmental Justice

LWRD strives to protect and enhance the natural, cultural, and historic resources of Dane County. We believe that everyone deserves to live in a community with healthy land and water resources and with access to the parks, trails, and other natural resources in the county. We strive to achieve this vision by ensuring all people are given the same opportunities for programs, services, and employment. We are committed to learning from underserved or under-represented communities to identify and take appropriate steps towards fully realizing equity, diversity, and inclusion goals. LWRD developed an Equity & Inclusion Work Plan in 2018 and are implementing initiatives within the

plan to ensure equity and environmental justice among our organization and the communities we serve. We're implementing initiatives in multiple areas targeting removing barriers and increasing communications. We have an internal Equity & Inclusion team to work with each division on organization-wide equity and inclusion. This team is charged with overseeing implementation of the plan within their respective division and public they engage with. The FTE planner that NACD grant funds is the active Land Conservation Division representative on the team.

District(s) or Area(s) the staff will be working: Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

Point of Contact

Name: Amy Piaget

Organization: Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

Title: County Conservationist

Date: 12/21/23

□ Decline TA2023 Funding

☑ We certify that matching funds do not involve any federal government funding or resources.



Approving Authority Name: Joseph Parisi Approving Authority Title: County Executive