

Contract No. 004-062
"North Dakota Waterbank Program"
 Submitted by ND Department of Agriculture
 Principal Investigator: Carrie Larson
 Directives: C, A & B

PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share	
ND Game & Fish	\$ 200,000	
ND Department of Agriculture	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	
Subtotal Cash Cost Share		\$ 300,000
ND Game & Fish	\$ 50,000	
ND Department of Agriculture	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	
Subtotal In-Kind Cost Share		\$ 100,000
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	
Subtotal Outdoor Heritage Fund		<u>\$1,200,000</u>
Total Project Cost		\$1,600,000

Project Schedule – 10 years
 Contract Date – 5/12/2015
 Start Date – 5/19/2015
 Completion Date – 12/31/2024

Project Deliverables:
 Status Report: December 31, 2015 ✓
 Status Report: December 31, 2016
 Status Report: December 31, 2017
 Status Report: December 31, 2018
 Status Report: December 31, 2019
 Status Report: December 31, 2020
 Status Report: December 31, 2021
 Status Report: December 31, 2022
 Status Report: December 31, 2023
 Final Report: December 31, 2024

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

The purpose of this project is to provide funding for Waterbank Program. Tasks will include obtaining a number of waterbank agreements; complete land treatments; upland seeding and identified wetland restorations; monitor tracts; provide alternative incentives to landowners for flooded cropland.

STATUS:

Contract has been executed.

12/31/2015 - Status report received. Report states: North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) acquired spending authority as of July 1, 2015 to expend and allocate these funds. With that authority secured, progress continued by establishing a state waterbank advisory committee comprised of representatives from the ND Department of Agriculture and the ND Game and Fish Department. This group established participant eligibility and program priorities that have been laid out in an updated application form, ranking form, and program announcement. With these documents completed, the program is on track with a few funds being expended to date. This group will be tasked with reviewing

and ranking applications, surveying land tracts of successful applicants for final evaluation, and monitoring the tracts throughout the term of the agreement. The application period is set to be launched January 2016.

One change that was proposed to and accepted by the Outdoor Heritage Fund was changing the per acre payment rates for wetland and upland acres. These changes are based on land productivity and were proposed to allow funding to encompass more agreements and more involvement in the program.

Updated: January 4, 2016