2016 Yahara W/NS Grant Agreement With The Yahara Pride Farm Conservation Board

Purpose
This agreement addresses the conditions associated with a Yahara WINS grant to the Yahara Pride Farm Conservation Board for 2016, in the amount of $80,000.

Background
Yahara Pride submitted a grant request to Yahara WINS in the amount of $80,000 for 2016, with the funding to be used for three primary purposes:

1. Provide outreach to farm producers on the latest technologies and conservation practices that could be used to reduce phosphorus loads. Outreach activities include field days, watershed conferences and newsletters.
2. Provide a Yahara Pride sponsored cost share assistance program to improve the adoption of cost effective conservation practices such as cover crops, low disturbance manure injection, and reduced tillage with the goal of helping farmers adopt these practices into their farming system.
3. Expand a windrow composting pilot project to showcase the economic opportunities of composting, which can reduce phosphorus loss associated with winter spreading of manure by providing an alternative management system.

Grant Period
The period of this agreement is from August 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

The Yahara Pride Farm Conservation Board agrees as follows:

- To use at least $60,000 of the funding under this grant for direct payments to producers as part of a Yahara Pride administered cost share assistance program for installing or using phosphorus reducing practices such as cover crops, low disturbance manure injection and strip tillage. Yahara Pride will determine cost share assistance rates. The combined minimum acreage associated with these practices will be 1,500 acres.
- To use no more than $20,000 of the funding under this agreement for supporting activities, including field data collection and analysis, SNAP-Plus modeling to determine phosphorus loss, report development, farm evaluations conducted as part of the Farm Certification Program, conduct producer outreach, and related activities.
- That cost share assistance payments to producers using funds from this grant will not be made until after Yahara Pride confirms that SNAP-Plus information used to calculate phosphorus reductions has been received from the producer.
- To provide Yahara WINS with a preliminary report by January 31, 2017 on practices and activities funded under this agreement.
- To provide Yahara WINS with a final report by June 30, 2017 that includes field specific information related to practices put in place under the cost share program, acres, the estimated change in the phosphorus index (PI) on a field by field basis using SNAP-Plus, phosphorus reductions by TMDL stream reach, unit costs, and related information. The final report shall also include information on the number of farms worked with under the certification program and relevant summary information.
- To provide a detailed accounting of disbursements made under this agreement, including hours associated with supporting activities.
• That producers participating in the cost share program will not receive additional payments using funds provided by Yahara WINS through any other agreement for the same practices on the same acres in 2015.
• To return any unused funds to Yahara WINS at the end of the agreement period or in the event that the Yahara Pride Farm Conservation Board is dissolved or no longer has legal standing.

Yahara WINS agrees as follows:
Yahara WINS agrees to provide a total of $80,000 to the Yahara Pride Farm Conservation Board in consideration of and subject to the above. Payments will be made as follows:
• $20,000 by August 31, 2016.
• $55,000 upon receipt of the preliminary report with confirmation that minimum acreage has been met.
• $5,000 upon receipt of the final report

For the Yahara Pride Farm
Conservation Board:

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Jeffrey Endres
Chair-YPF Conservation Board

7-20-16
Date

For Yahara WINS

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David S. Taylor
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