

Scope of Work to Implement the On-Farm Efficiency Educator Position

Task Order 13, Approved by CITT March 12, 2025

Summary:

This scope of works outlines the use of Compact settlement dollars as funding for MSU Extension position to advance on-farm efficiency directives. This project is proposed for inclusion as part of the CITT's on-farm efficiency measures set forth in Appendix 3.5 (3)(a)(vii) to the CSKT-MT Compact. The Compact Implementation Technical Team (CITT) has proposed working with Montana State University (MSU) Extension to fund a full-time position focused on advancing CITT's on-farm efficiency directives. The position description which has been reviewed by MSU Extension and CITT, is attached to this scope of work.

The On-farm Irrigation Efficiency Educator (Educator) position will reside at the MSU Flathead Extension Office in Polson, Montana. The Educator will provide technical assistance to irrigators to use irrigation water more efficiently in their operations and will interface with the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project (FIIP) to advance efforts that focus on agricultural efficiency. Task Order 13 authorizes a total not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000 for the duration of the position (5 years). Periodic reviews will evaluate the effectiveness of the Educator's outreach efforts. Pending fund availability, extension of this 5-year term will be considered based on project success.

Process:

1. The CITT will approve a task order for the execution of this work plan.
2. Upon approval of Task Order 13, the CITT will recommend to the Parties to the Compact to fund this position for an initial 5-year period with annual reviews to determine program effectiveness.
3. Upon execution of Task Order 13, a memorandum of agreement (MOA) will be entered into between CSKT and MSU Extension. This MOA will define the terms and conditions of the position, duration of prospective contract, and evaluation criteria.
4. Upon recommendation, MSU-Extension will advertise the position and will move forward with the recruitment process. CITT member(s) will be eligible to serve on the hiring committee.

Attachments:

Position Description- On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Educator

Budget Proposal- On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Educator