

Scope of Work: AgriMet Annual Operation and Maintenance Funding

Task Order 4

Introduction

The purpose of Task Order 4 is to provide funding to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) in 2018 to reimburse U.S. Department of Interior's AgriMet Program for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for three AgriMet weather stations to be installed on the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project (FIIP). This project is under the CITT category of on-farm efficiency measures as set forth in Appendix 3.5.3.vii to the CSKT-MT Compact.

Background

The Scope of Work for Task Order 4 is based on the CITT 10-year Weather Station Recommendation approved by the CITT in June of 2017. The original recommendation did not include funding; subsequent information from AgriMet after the CITT's original Weather Station Recommendation (attached) demonstrated a need for O&M funding. Accordingly, the CITT approved an additional 10-year annual O&M funding recommendation on January 30, 2018. This project will integrate three new stations with the two existing AgriMet stations on the FIIP to provide comprehensive weather information across the entire FIIP service area that will be internet-accessible to the public.

Scope of Work

The Scope of Work is to provide year one O&M reimbursement funding (\$4,800) to the U.S. Department of Interior's AgriMet Program for three weather stations and to ensure those weather stations are installed to specifications outlined in the CITT's 2017 Weather Station Recommendation. The cost per station is \$1,600 per year, which totals \$4,800 per year. Over the ten years at \$4,800 per year, the anticipated project total will be \$48,000.

Project Flow and Budget

The State and CSKT have developed a process to advance this Task Order and amendments:



The exact timeframe to complete this first scope of work is contingent on AgriMet weather station installation dates.

Conclusion

Installation and O&M of these AgriMet weather stations will provide long-service life and valuable weather information for local producers, water users, resource managers, and resource scientists. Weather data will be publicly available and hosted on the USDI AgriMet Pacific Northwest Region's website:

<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/wxdata.html>