



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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How you can influence changes to the cost list



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Quarterly Releases

The National Payment Schedule Core Team will be implementing quarterly releases (i.e., October, January, April, and July).

Quarterly releases will provide frequent waves of new practices and scenarios, offering fresh opportunities for growth and innovation.

Quarterly releases will include new practices, scenarios, omissions, and corrections.

Eliminate CARPs, PISPs, and GSPS activities.

Replace out-of-cycle RCPP18 LMR – New PPA cost lists can be developed quarterly.

Policy updates to Part 530 – Working Lands Conservation Programs Manual and Part 600 – Payment Schedules will be required.

From 2015 to 2024, states submitted waiver requests to add approximately 41,708 omitted scenarios or changes to existing payment schedules. There have been approximately 108,499 items added to cost list at least one day or more after initial release to business applications. States have submitted waiver requests historically due to various omissions. These requests are typically made at least months after the approved payment schedules (i.e., cost lists) are transmitted to contracting software applications such as Protracts, Conservation Desktop, Conservation Desktop Applications and Agreements, and the National Planning and Agreements Database.

New Component Requests and Price Reconsideration Requests

3 itemized quotes (should represent the state)

Component pricing should represent the typical situation not the most expensive available on the market.

Cost Details:

Component Name	ID	Description	Unit	Cost	QTY	Total
Equipment Installation						
Excavation, Common Earth, side cast, small equipment	48	Bulk excavation and side casting of common earth with hydraulic excavator with less than 1 CY capacity. Includes equipment and labor.	Cubic Yards	\$2.26	5	\$11.30
Earthfill, Manually Compacted	50	Earthfill, manually compacted, includes equipment and labor	Cubic Yards	\$5.65	45	\$254.25
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hours	\$27.83	10	\$278.30
Materials						
Rock Riprap, Placed with geotextile	44	Rock Riprap, placed with geotextile. Includes materials, local delivery within 20 miles of quarry, and placement.	Cubic Yards	\$144.13	2	\$288.26
Aggregate, Gravel, Graded	46	Gravel. Includes materials and local delivery within 20 miles of quarry or pit. Placement costs are not included.	Cubic Yards	\$33.82	5	\$169.10
Pipe, CMP, 36 in., 12 Gauge	1825	36 inch Corrugated Metal Pipe, Galvanized, Uncoated, 12 gauge. Material cost only.	Feet	\$62.87	40	\$2,514.80
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$246.15	2	\$492.30

New Component Requests

Please attach a narrative that clearly documents the criteria below.

- **Is there a component already available?** Please review the Comprehensive Component List available in the Payment Schedule Application (PSA) and the list of archived components.
- **Provide a general description of the proposed component.** (Include the general purpose, what and why it is necessary, typical size, etc.).
- **Is the proposed component typical?** Is it representative of the industry majority and/or a common cultural practice?
- **Are their technical requirements/specifications?** (i.e. ASTM standards, engineering drawings, manufacturer specifications, images/photos etc.). Please include with the request.
- **Current vendor/supplier resources and information.** (i.e. invoices, websites, catalogs, addresses and sales contact, etc.). Multiple data sources are preferred. However, one data source is acceptable. The data needs to be recent enough; within 1 year is the typical goal

Price Reconsideration Request

Please document the following:

- **Brief description of the issue** with the current component cost. What makes the request necessary for successful practice implementation?
- **Justification that the cost reconsideration is based on a representative industry average** or majority and NOT an isolated brand or vendor associated cost.
- **Vendor/supplier resources and information** that are currently no more than one year, (i.e. invoices, websites, catalogs, addresses, sales contact and any additional useful information such as photos/drawing and specifications.

Questions?

