

Exhibit 501.51C – State Technical Committee Specialized Subcommittee Examples

Examples of Specialized Subcommittees	Examples of Programs and Topics	Examples of Tasks
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Ranking Criteria	Provide input to develop state ranking criteria and make recommendations to the state technical committee.
Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)	Local Land Uses (e.g., Crop, Forest, Range)	Identify critical natural resource concerns impacting or resulting from agricultural operations in that specific local land use.
Forestry	All financial assistance programs and related key topics (e.g., Forest Management, Agroforestry); Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP)	Provide recommendations to the state technical committee on forestry conservation practices and payment rates that support program objectives and state and local priorities.
Easements	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) including Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE) and Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE); Regional Conservation Partnership Program Easements (RCPP Easements)	Develop recommendations for: 1) the geographic area rate cap and present to the state technical committee, 2) new eligible practices for ACEP-WRE, or 3) prioritization parameters for ACEP-ALE enrollment.
Interim Conservation Practice	Financial Assistance (FA) and Easement Programs	Provide recommendations for new and interim practice payment scenarios that support program objectives and state priorities.
Wildlife Habitat	Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW)	Provide recommendations to the state technical committee for the state WLFW plan that incorporates priorities of the state comprehensive wildlife action plan and similar plans and initiatives.
Wetlands	ACEP-WRE; Wetland Mitigation Banking	Provide technical input into the Wetland Restoration Criteria and Guidelines (WRCG) components such as historic and alternative wetland and associated habitats, restoration, and management recommendations.
Priority Watersheds	Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) and National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)	Recommend priority watersheds to focus funding for effective use of available resources.

Note: This chart is not an all-inclusive list of all possible specialized subcommittees but only a list of possible examples to serve as a guide.