

**Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
Strikeforce NE and SE fund Code
Screening Criteria Worksheet –FY 2016**

A Screening Worksheet is required to be completed for each eligible EQIP application being considered in all the Oklahoma StrikeForce counties for the StrikeForce Fund Code.

Instructions:

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP Strikeforce Fund code. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, cutoff dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are efficiently allocated to address the needs of Strikeforce Producers. The goal of StrikeForce is to increase USDA outreach to underserved populations and rural communities, while also improving access to and participation in USDA programs, as well as working to provide additional economic benefits to these areas.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits or approval of an EQIP contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. If any funding is left in any of the 3 categories due to lack of applications the money can be moved to one of the other priorities until the money is exhausted.

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet- Complete for each eligible EQIP Applicant

Applicant Name:		
Application Number:		
Evaluator Name:		Date:

Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:

<p>High Priority Category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the application address two or more of the top priority resource concerns listed below and two core practices? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health ➤ Degraded Plant Condition Excessive Plant Pressure ➤ Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Water ➤ Insufficient Water - Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water ➤ Soil Erosion - Sheet and Rill Erosion 	<p>High Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p>Medium Priority Category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application will address at least one of the resource concerns listed above? 	<p>Medium Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p>Low Priority Category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application will address resource concerns not listed in the table above. 	<p>Low Priority Status in ProTracts</p>

D.C. Signature for Approval		Date Approved:	
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