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“(i) all required application information is essential for the efficient, effective, and accountable implementation of conservation programs;

“(ii) conservation program applicants are not required to provide information that is readily available to the Secretary through existing information systems of the Department of Agriculture;

“(iii) information provided by the applicant is managed and delivered efficiently for use in all stages of the application process, or for multiple applications; and

“(iv) information technology is used effectively to minimize data and information input requirements.

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION AND NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a written notification of completion of the requirements of this subsection.”.

SEC. 2709. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MARKETS.

Subtitle E of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 is amended by inserting after section 1244 (16 U.S.C. 3844) the following new section:

“SEC. 1245. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MARKETS.

“(a) TECHNICAL GUIDELINES REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall establish technical guidelines that outline science-based methods to measure the environmental services benefits from conservation and land management activities in order to facilitate the participation of farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in emerging environmental services markets. The Secretary shall give priority to the establishment of guidelines related to farmer, rancher, and forest landowner participation in carbon markets.

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish guidelines under subsection (a) for use in developing the following:

“(1) A procedure to measure environmental services benefits.

“(2) A protocol to report environmental services benefits.

“(3) A registry to collect, record and maintain the benefits measured.

“(c) VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) VERIFICATION OF REPORTS.—The Secretary shall establish guidelines for a process to verify that a farmer, rancher, or forest landowner who reports an environmental services benefit pursuant to the protocol required by paragraph (2) of subsection (b) for inclusion in the registry required by paragraph (3) of such subsection has implemented the conservation or land management activity covered by the report.

“(2) ROLE OF THIRD PARTIES.—In establishing the verification guidelines required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider the role of third-parties in conducting independent verification of benefits produced for environmental services markets and other functions, as determined by the Secretary.

“(d) USE OF EXISTING INFORMATION.—In carrying out subsection (b), the Secretary shall build on activities or information in

existence on the date of the enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 regarding environmental services markets.

“(e) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with the following:

“(1) Federal and State government agencies.

“(2) Nongovernmental interests including—

“(A) farm, ranch, and forestry producers;

“(B) financial institutions involved in environmental services trading;

“(C) institutions of higher education with relevant expertise or experience;

“(D) nongovernmental organizations with relevant expertise or experience; and

“(E) private sector representatives with relevant expertise or experience.

“(3) Other interested persons, as determined by the Secretary.”

SEC. 2710. AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCED SERVICES PROGRAM.

Subtitle F of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 is amended by inserting after section 1251 (16 U.S.C. 2005a) the following new section:

“SEC. 1252. AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCED SERVICES PROGRAM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall establish a conservation experienced services program (in this section referred to as the ‘ACES Program’) for the purpose of utilizing the talents of individuals who are age 55 or older, but who are not employees of the Department of Agriculture or a State agriculture department, to provide technical services in support of the conservation-related programs and authorities carried out by the Secretary. Such technical services may include conservation planning assistance, technical consultation, and assistance with design and implementation of conservation practices.

“(b) PROGRAM AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) RELATION TO OLDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to Federal grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, to carry out the ACES program during a fiscal year, the Secretary may enter into agreements with nonprofit private agencies and organizations eligible to receive grants for that fiscal year under the Community Service Senior Opportunities Act (42 U.S.C. 3056 et seq.) to secure participants for the ACES program who will provide technical services under the ACES program.

“(2) REQUIRED DETERMINATION.—Before entering into an agreement under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that the agreement would not—

“(A) result in the displacement of individuals employed by the Department, including partial displacement through reduction of non-overtime hours, wages, or employment benefits;

“(B) result in the use of an individual under the ACES program for a job or function in a case in which a Federal