



**NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD**

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| 1. Award Identifying Number<br>NR233A750004G040   | 2. Amendment Number<br>0001   | 3. Award /Project Period<br>04/25/2023 - 05/01/2028   | 4. Type of award instrument:<br>Grant Agreement   |
| 5. Agency (Name and Address)<br><br>USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities<br>c/o FPAC-BC Grants and Agreements Division<br>1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 3236<br>Washington, DC 20250<br>Direct all correspondence to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov |   | 6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address)<br><br>U.S. COTTON TRUST PROTOCOL, LLC US COTTON TRUST PROTOCOL LLC<br>7193 GOODLETT FARMS PKWY<br>CORDOVA TN 38016-4909<br><br>UEI Number / DUNS Number: DYU9KGMU6G37 / 013933061<br>EIN: |   |
| 7. NRCS Program Contact<br><br>Name: ALLISON COSTA<br>[Redacted]  | 8. NRCS Administrative Contact<br><br>Name: Jobeth Bellanca<br>[Redacted] | 9. Recipient Program Contact<br><br>Name: Marjory Walker<br>[Redacted]  | 10. Recipient Administrative Contact<br><br>Name: Marjory Walker<br>[Redacted]                |
| 11. CFDA<br>10.937  | 12. Authority<br>15 USC 714 et seq  | 13. Type of Action<br>Amendment/Revision  | 14. Program Director<br>Name: Gary Adams<br>Phone: (901) 274-9030<br>Email: gadams@cotton.org |
| 15. Project Title/ Description: Expands markets for climate-smart cotton in AL, AZ, AR, CA, FL, GA, KS, LA, MO, MS, NC, NM, OK, SC, TN, TX and VA and supports farmer implementation and monitoring of climate-smart practices.                       |   |   |   |
| 16. Entity Type: N = Nonprofit without 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)  |   |   |   |
| 17. Select Funding Type   |   |   |   |
| Select funding type:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal   |   |
| Original funds total  | 90000000.00   | \$8,750,000.00  |   |
| Additional funds total  | \$0.00  | \$0   |   |
| Grand total   | 90,000,000.000  | \$8,750,000.00  |   |
| 18. Approved Budget   |   |   |   |

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|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Personnel         | \$403,695.68   | Fringe Benefits             | \$90,025.95    |
| Travel            | \$49,768.31    | Equipment                   | \$0.00         |
| Supplies          | \$18,400.99    | Contractual                 | \$68,749.27    |
| Construction      | \$0.00         | Other                       | 89,293,795.670 |
| Total Direct Cost | 89,924,435.870 | Total Indirect Cost         | \$75,564.13    |
|                   |                | Total Non-Federal Funds     | \$8,750,000.00 |
|                   |                | Total Federal Funds Awarded | 90,000,000.000 |
|                   |                | Total Approved Budget       | 98,750,000.000 |

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA NRCS statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any, found by NRCS to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to NRCS.

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| Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative<br>KATINA HANSON<br>Acting Senior Advisor for Climate-Smart Commodities | Signature<br><b>KATINA HANSON</b><br>Digitally signed by KATINA HANSON<br>Date: 2024.04.29 16:01:56 -05'00' | Date            |
| Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative<br>GARY ADAMS<br>President and CEO                                       | Signature<br><b>Gary M. Adams</b><br>Digitally signed by Gary M. Adams<br>Date: 2024.04.27 07:00:12 -05'00' | Date<br>4/27/24 |

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### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 522a).

## **Statement of Work**

Please note that any narrative below should be considered in addition to the original Statement of Work, as well as any prior amendments.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this amendment is to add two conservation practices, Residue and Tillage Management - Reduced Till (345) and Use of Multi-Species Cover Crop to Improve Soil Health and Increase Soil Organic Matter (E340C), to fully cover the goals of the agreement.

This amendment also shifts the unspent balance from all Federal expense categories into "Other" in box 18 of the Notice of Grants and Agreement Award. This action does not alter the current, approved budget.

Except as provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement and any previous amendments remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please reference the below link(s) for the General Terms and Conditions pertaining to this award:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-terms-and-conditions/index.html>

Revised Attachment(s):

Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations\_Revised April 2024

There are no other changes to the award attachments from the original agreement or any prior amendments.

**US Cotton Trust Protocol**  
**Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations**

Climate-Smart practices under this grant shall be limited to the following practices:

| <b>NRCS Practice Code</b> | <b>Practice Name</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 329                       | Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till   |
| 340                       | Cover Crop  |
| 345                       | Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till  |
| 590                       | Nutrient Management   |
| E340C                     | Use of Multi-Species Cover Crop to Improve Soil Health and Increase Soil Organic Matter |

All practices applied under this grant will follow NRCS practice standards unless noted below:

N/A