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Dear Organic Producer:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), under the National Organic Certification Cost Assistance program, will make cost-share funds available again this year for organic certification costs incurred between October 1, 2013, and September 30, 2014.

Individual producers and handlers may apply now for reimbursement of costs incurred for certification of organic products. Payments to eligible producers will be limited to 75 percent of an individual producer's or handler's certification costs up to a maximum of \$750. If you have multiple certifications (crops *and* livestock, or production *and* processing/handling for example) you may be eligible for more than one cost share reimbursement. **Applications for cost share funds will be reimbursed in the order they are received until the funds are exhausted or the eligibility period ends, whichever comes first.** Therefore, it is important that The Division of Agriculture receive your completed application for reimbursement, and all required documents (see below) **as soon as possible.**

Please submit the following items with your application:

- National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application Form (enclosed)
- Copy of all itemized invoices showing fees assessed for certification.

Your application must contain your Employer Identification Number, Social Security Number, or a Form W-9. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for correction.

Mail to:

**Alaska Division of Agriculture  
Re: Organic Certification Cost-Share Program  
1800 Glenn Highway, Suite 12  
Palmer, Alaska 99645-6735**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barbara Hanson".

Barbara Hanson

Agricultural Inspector

Cc: Amy Pettit