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USDA-NRCS Now Accepting Applications for Assistance to Organic Farmers via the Environmental Quality Incentives Program

James E. Tillman, Sr., State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Georgia today announced that the NRCS is now accepting applications for technical and financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) organic initiative. Applications must be received by March 12, 2010, to be considered for funding. NRCS in Georgia has one million dollars available for this initiative.

The 2008 Farm Bill included provisions for use of EQIP to provide opportunities for organic growers as well as requirements related to adherence to the National Organic Program (NOP) requirements and program payment limitations.

Financial and technical assistance is available to help USDA-Certified organic producers and those in the process of transitioning to organic farming. Assistance from the NRCS through the EQIP program helps producers plan and implement conservation practices that conserve and enhance natural resources.

EQIP is primarily used to provide financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices to address soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources. Through this initiative, NRCS will provide assistance for conservation practices related to organic production.

This assistance is limited to \$20,000 per year and \$80,000 during a six-year period. Producers are required to develop and carry out an Organic System Plan (OSP) or carry out practices consistent with an OSP and producers must be in compliance with their organic certification or in the process of pursuing USDA organic certification. ❖

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Georgia Construction Law addresses the issues that cost big dollars and big delays for those in the construction field.

Several top U.S. construction law experts have put their years of experience on paper with the publication of *Georgia Construction Law*, a guidebook to maximizing construction project costs from start to finish.

Authored by leaders in the Construction Practice at national law firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka, *Georgia Construction Law* was written for design professionals, owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and others in the Georgia construction field and emphasizes the potential legal snares and resolutions associated with licenses, bids, contracts, site conditions, change orders, and delays.

"When we sat down to write this book, we focused on the disputes and associated laws that extend from the beginning of construction projects through their conclusion," said Seth Price, shareholder with Chamberlain Hrdlicka and chair of its Construction Law practice.

In addition to highlighting the basics for construction professionals working in the state of Georgia, *Georgia Construction Law* delves into the potential liabilities design professionals can face from breach of contract to negligent design and supervision.

Authored by Chamberlain Hrdlicka attorneys Michael P. Davis, Nicholas S. Papeacos, Seth R. Price and Gina M. Vitiello, *Georgia Construction Law* is the result of a collaboration of four lawyers who have nearly 100 years of cumulative experience in construction law.

Georgia Construction Law is available online at www.constructionchannel.net. To learn more about the authors of *Georgia Construction Law*, please visit www.Chamberlainlaw.com. ❖

Cowin Equipment Company's Georgia Operations Now Offer Doosan Infracore Equipment

Cowin Equipment Company Inc. is pleased to announce that the company now offers the complete line of Doosan Infracore construction equipment throughout Georgia. The line includes crawler excavators, wheel excavators, wheel loaders, and compact equipment. "We are proud to be a distributor of Doosan Infracore's products in Georgia," says Jamie Cowin, president of Cowin Equipment Company. "Their line of equipment has a compelling value proposition and is well known for its high level of performance and quality."

Doosan Infracore equipment includes several models in each of its equipment categories. The machines offer comfort for the operator and high efficiency performance, coupled with low fuel consumption. Durability has been enhanced with new designs and manufacturing techniques that have increased overall strength.

Cowin Equipment Company Inc. also now offers the complete line of Bomag compaction, paving, and milling equipment throughout Georgia.

"We are proud to be a distributor of Bomag equipment in Georgia," says Jamie Cowin, president of Cowin Equipment Company. "Their road maintenance equipment is known for its high level of performance. These machines join our line-up of top quality brands of heavy machinery."

Bomag's product line includes a full range of road maintenance equipment to serve contractors and government agencies on job sites across the United States. Both light and heavy compaction equipment is offered, as well as paving and milling equipment. ❖