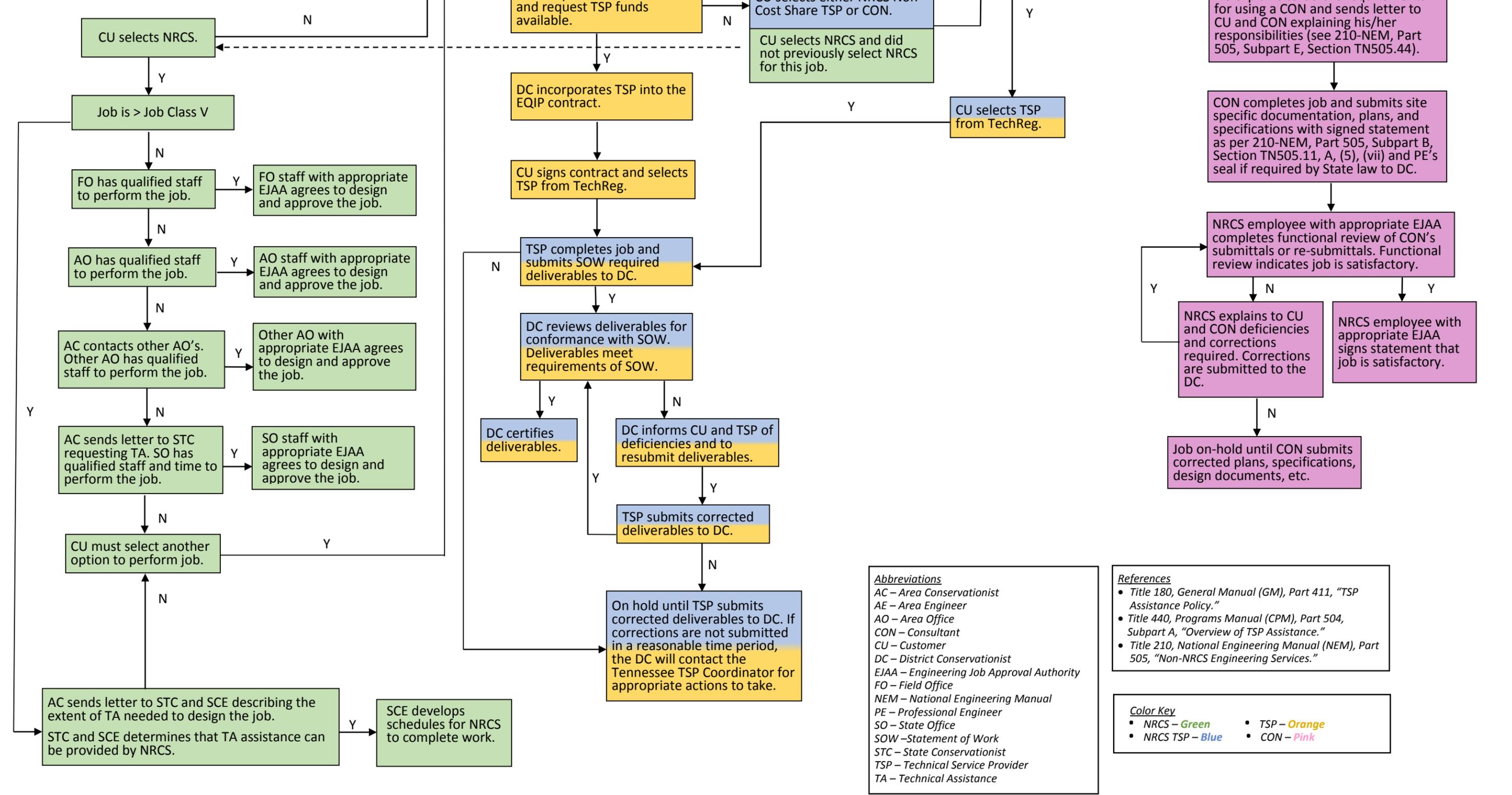


## Technical Assistance Flow Chart

During the planning process, the DC with TA from the AE as needed, will determine the engineering job class. For jobs above the AE's EJAA, the CU is encouraged to use non-NRCS engineering resources (TSP or CON). DC explains to the CU the pros and cons of the various TA processes available.



**Abbreviations**  
 AC – Area Conservationist  
 AE – Area Engineer  
 AO – Area Office  
 CON – Consultant  
 CU – Customer  
 DC – District Conservationist  
 EJAA – Engineering Job Approval Authority  
 FO – Field Office  
 NEM – National Engineering Manual  
 PE – Professional Engineer  
 SO – State Office  
 SOW – Statement of Work  
 STC – State Conservationist  
 TSP – Technical Service Provider  
 TA – Technical Assistance

**References**  
 • Title 180, General Manual (GM), Part 411, "TSP Assistance Policy."  
 • Title 440, Programs Manual (CPM), Part 504, Subpart A, "Overview of TSP Assistance."  
 • Title 210, National Engineering Manual (NEM), Part 505, "Non-NRCS Engineering Services."

**Color Key**  
 • NRCS – Green  
 • NRCS TSP – Blue  
 • TSP – Orange  
 • CON – Pink