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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Meeting of Advisory Committee on Emerging Democracies

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Emerging Democracies will be held March 23-24, 1995. The purpose of the committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the program on sharing agricultural expertise with emerging democracies. The committee will also advise USDA on ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in cooperative work with emerging democracies in food and rural business systems.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, March 23, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, March 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The minutes of the meeting announced in this Notice shall be available for review. The meeting is open to the public and members of the public may provide comments in writing to Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, room 6506 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250, but should not make any oral comments at the meeting unless invited to do so by the Co-chairpersons.

Signed at Washington, DC, February 24, 1995.

Timothy J. Galvin,

*Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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### Forest Service

#### Mono Tunnel Geothermal Lease Area

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service has withdrawn its proposal to complete an Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal to lease geothermal resources on the Mono Lake Ranger District, Inyo National Forest, Mono County, California. The preparation of an environmental impact statement for this proposal is cancelled.

The Notice of Intent, published in the Federal Register on October 14, 1993, is hereby rescinded (58 FR 53185).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions about the proposed action and environmental impact statement to John Schuyler, Forest Planner, Inyo National Forest, Bishop, California, 93514, phone 619-873-2544.

Dated: February 22, 1995.

Leigh S. Beck,

*Acting Regional Forester.*

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### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Request for Comments on the Need for Official Services in the South Texas Region, and Request for Applications for Designation to Provide Official Services in the South Texas (TX) Region Under a Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA has received several inquiries regarding designation of an organization to provide official services in South Texas. GIPSA is requesting comments on the need for official inspection services in South Texas. GIPSA is proposing to designate more than one official agency under a pilot

program to provide official services in the South Texas region. GIPSA also is requesting persons interested in providing official services in South Texas under a pilot program to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be postmarked on or sent by telecopier (FAX) by March 21, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and comments must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications and comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-720-1015, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA'S Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Sections 7(f) and 7A of the Act were amended by the U.S. Grain Standards Act Amendments of 1993 (Public Law 103-156) on November 24, 1993, to authorize FGIS' Administrator to conduct pilot programs allowing more than one official agency to provide official services within a single geographic area without undermining the declared policy of the Act. The purpose of the pilot programs is to evaluate the feasibility and impact of allowing more than one official agency to provide official services within a single geographic area.

GIPSA announced five possible pilot programs and requested comments on them in the March 14, 1994, Federal Register (59 FR 11759). Comments were due by April 22, 1994. GIPSA has analyzed the comments received based on this notice and plans to announce potential nationwide pilot programs based on the results of these comments.

The opening of a pilot program in the South Texas area is one of a limited geographic area. The nationwide pilot programs discussed above will be announced at a later date.

GIPSA has received several inquiries regarding designation of an organization to provide official services in South Texas. GIPSA is requesting comments on the need for official inspection services in South Texas (including estimates of the number of official inspections by carrier, type of service, and kind of grain). The South Texas region, being considered for assignment to the applicant or applicants selected for designation, pursuant to Section 7(2) of the Act, is as follows:

The Texas Counties of: Atascosa, Bexar, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala, excluding those export port locations served by GIPSA.

GIPSA also is requesting persons interested in providing official services in these South Texas Counties under a pilot program allowing more than one official agency to provide service in a

single geographic area to submit an application for designation. GIPSA plans to allow all designated official agencies to provide official services to any grain firm located within the geographic area specified above.

GIPSA will not designate any applicants unless it determines that there is sufficient need for official services in the South Texas region.

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to submit comments on the need for official inspection services in the region specified above, and to apply for designation under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder.

Designation in the South Texas area is for a 1 year period beginning about June 1, 1995. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant or applicants will be designated after GIPSA determines that there is a need for official services in the South Texas region.

**AUTHORITY:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 15, 1995

Neil E. Porter,

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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**Rural Utilities Service**

**Announcement of Applications Received Under the Distance Learning and Medical Link Grant Program**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications received.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is hereby announcing the applications received prior to the January 14, 1995 application filing deadline for the Distance Learning and Medical Link Grant Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lawrence L. Bryant, Jr., Chief, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Branch, Advanced Telecommunications Services Division, Rural Utilities Service, telephone number (202) 690-3594.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RUS is hereby publishing the names of the organizations which applied for grants under 7 CFR Section 1703 Subpart D, Distance Learning and Medical Link Grant Program (DLMLGP). These applications contained herein, submitted and postmarked prior to the January 14, 1995 filing deadline, will be considered for funding during fiscal year (FY) 1995. This list includes applications that were submitted under the April 14, 1994, July 14, 1994, and the October 14, 1994 filing periods.

The following information is being published in accordance with 7 CFR 1703, subpart D Section 1703.115, Public notice of applications received. The applicants are as follows:

State	Applicant	Funds requested
AR	St. Edward Mercy Medical Center	\$132,838
AR	University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service	350,000
AZ	Coconino County School District	500,000
AZ	Career Development, Inc	125,000
AZ	University of Arizona-Sierra Vista	500,000
AZ	University of Arizona	284,302
CA	Riverside County Department of Mental Health	158,360
CA	Redwoods Community College District	349,900
CA	Valley Health System	121,800
CA	Reef-Sunset Unified School District	500,000
CO	Northwest Colorado Board of Coop. Ed. Services	500,000
CO	High Plains Rural Health Network	260,500
CO	National Technological University (NTU)	399,073
CO	Grand River Hospital District	40,781
CO	Alpine Medical Network	339,516
CO	Community Health Centers, Inc	563,780
CO	Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare/Porter	370,903
GA	Lowndes County Board of Health	495,942
HI	Kohala High & Elementary School	350,000
IA	MERCY FOUNDATION	276,246
IA	University of Dubuque	122,336
IA	Iowa Lakes Community College	500,000
IA	Northwestern College	474,107
ID	NORTH IDAHO RURAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM	449,145
ID	Eastern Idaho Technical College	350,000
ID	Luke's Net	500,000
IL	West Central Illinois Educational Telec. Corp	119,000