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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of April 4, 1996 (Public Law 104-127, 110 Stat. 1156-1184), the United States Department of Agriculture has scheduled the initial meeting of:

Name: National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board.

Date: September 16-17, 1996, September 18, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Place: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 104A-Williamsburg; Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 14th and Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

Purpose: The Secretary of Agriculture has filled the Advisory Board's 30 positions from more than 400 nominations solicited from 600 United States organizations identified as having agricultural research, extension, education, and economic interests. Each member represents one of 30 constituent categories, as identified in the legislation. Members were assigned initial terms of one, two, or three years. A list of Advisory Board appointees will be published in the Federal Register prior to the September 16-18 meeting. The Secretary of Agriculture; Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; and the Administrators (Agricultural Research Service; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; Economic Research Service; and National Agricultural Statistical Service) will serve as Advisory Board ex officio members. The Advisory Board expires September 30, 2002.

Advisory Board duties include reviewing and consulting with the Secretary of Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities on long-term and short-term national policies and priorities related to agricultural research, extension, education, and economics; evaluating the effectiveness

of those policies and priorities; and reviewing and making recommendations to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics on elements of the mission area's draft strategic plan.

The initial Advisory Board meeting agenda includes: nomination and election of Executive Committee members; reviewing of the Research, Education, and Economics draft Strategic Plan; recommendation of criteria for allocating research, extension, and education grants for the Fund for Rural America; and development of a slate of nominees to the 15-member "Strategic Planning Task Force."

Contact person for Agenda and more information: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-2255, Telephone: 202-720-3684.

Done at Washington, DC this 23d day of August 1996.

Catherine E. Woteki,

Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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Agricultural Research Service

Government Owned Invention Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of government owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/471,349, "Fiber and Fiber Products Produced from Feathers" is owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Agriculture, and is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. International patent applications have been filed in selected countries to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: June Blalock, Technology Licensing Coordinator, USDA, ARS, Room 415, Bldg. 005, BARC-West,

Beltsville, Maryland 20705; Phone 301-504-5989 or Fax 301-504-5060.

June Blalock,

Technology Licensing Coordinator.

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Notice of Availability for Licensing and Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service intends to grant to Agricultural Innovations of Athens, Georgia, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Number 5,089,701, "Nondestructive Measurement of Soluble Solids in Fruits Having a Rind or Skin," issued February 18, 1992. Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on October 23, 1990.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 29, 1996.

ADDRESS: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Agricultural Innovations has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the