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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Invitation for Nominations for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, and Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Office of Public Health and Science, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Invitation for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announce their intention to establish a Dietary Guidelines advisory Committee and invite nominations for the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Junko Alice Tamaki, Co-Executive Secretary from USDA to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Agricultural Research Service, 10300 Baltimore Blvd., Room 332, Building 005, Beltsville, MD 20705, (301) 504-6216; William M. Layden, Co-Executive Secretary from USDA to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 1120 20th St., NW, Suite 200 North Lobby, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 418-2312; or Kathryn McMurry or Linda Meyers, Co-Executive Secretaries from HHS to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Office of Public Health and Science, Room 738G, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-4872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dietary Guidelines for Americans form the basis of Federal food and nutrition education activities. The Guidelines were first published by USDA and HHS in 1980, with revisions in 1985, 1990,

and 1995. The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-445) requires the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans at least every five years.

Prospective members of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee should be knowledgeable of current scientific research in human nutrition and be respected and published experts in their fields. They should be familiar with the purpose and application of the Dietary Guidelines and have demonstrated interest in the public's health and well-being through their research and/or educational endeavors. The Committee will determine if revision of the 1995 Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans is warranted based on thorough evaluation of recent scientific and applied literature and, if so, will proceed to develop recommendations for these revisions in a report to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. Copies of the Report of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 1995 are available upon request from either of the Co-Executive Secretaries from USDA at the addresses listed above.

The Departments invite nominations for Committee membership of individuals qualified to carry out the above-mentioned tasks. Nominations should describe and document the nominee's qualifications in the relevant subject areas. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA and HHS policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA and HHS, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Nominations must be submitted to William M. Layden, Junko Alice Tamaki, Kathryn McMurry, or Linda Meyers at the addresses above up to 60 days after publication of this notice.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Agriculture.

August 28, 1997.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board representing 30 constituent categories as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127) announces a meeting of the Advisory Board's Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group with USDA Communications Office officials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Performance Assessment and Public Education Working Group, a subgroup of the Advisory Board, comprised of five Board members, will meet with public communications officials of USDA to gain a better understanding and insight on the structure, function, and potential of USDA in communicating agricultural information to the public. This activity represents an initial information gathering effort by the Working Group addressing public understanding and appreciation of agricultural research, education, and extension (as discussed at the Advisory Board meeting of August 4-5, 1997). The Working Group will take these preliminary findings to the full Advisory Board for their consideration as they develop future recommendations on mechanisms for