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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-98-00-3]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: March 16, 1998, at 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 17, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 18, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and March 19, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the NOSB.

PLACE: Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport, 222 N. Vineyard, Ontario, California 91764. Phone: (909) 983-0909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael I. Hankin, Senior Marketing Specialist, Room 2510 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, Transportation and Marketing, National Organic Program Staff, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. Phone (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, D.C., in March 1992 and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the program. The committees

are: Crops Standards; Processing, Labeling and Packaging; Livestock Standards; Accreditation; Materials; and International Issues. In August 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture and since that time has submitted 30 addenda to the recommendations and reviewed more than 170 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held in September 1996, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its proposed rule for the NOP in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 65849) on December 16, 1997. An extension of the comment period on the proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 6498-6499) on February 9, 1998. The comment period has been extended until April 30, 1998.

PURPOSE AND AGENDA: The main purposes of this meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to listen to comments from interested persons regarding the proposed rule for the NOP, for the NOSB to review its Committee reports on the proposed rule, and for the NOSB to prepare comments on the proposed rule to be submitted to USDA. Minutes of the NOSB meeting, including minutes of oral presentations to the NOSB, will be included in the public record of comments for the proposed rule.

A final agenda for this meeting will be available on March 2, 1998. Persons requesting copies of the final agenda should contact Ms. Karen Thomas at the above address or phone (202) 720-3252.

TYPE OF MEETING: All meetings will be open to the public. Individuals and organizations wishing to provide oral presentations to the NOSB on issues related to the proposed rule should forward the request to Ms. Karen Thomas at the above address or by FAX to (202) 690-3924 by March 10, 1998, in order to be scheduled. The NOSB has scheduled time for public input on March 16, 1998, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door, advance registration will ensure an opportunity to speak during the allotted time period and will help the NOSB better manage the meeting and accomplish the agenda. It is our intention to give each

individual or organization approximately 5 minutes to present orally their views on the key issues of concern. All persons making an oral presentation are asked also to provide their views in writing. Such written submissions may of course supplement the oral presentation with additional material. Attendees who do not wish to make an oral presentation are invited to submit written comments to the NOSB at this meeting. Those persons submitting written comments should provide 20 copies to the NOSB. All such comments will be included in the minutes of the meeting and placed in the rulemaking record.

Dated: February 9, 1998.

Eileen S. Stommes,

Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Coordination Best Practices Project

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of the Coordination Best Practices Project.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Barbara Hallman, Acting Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology.

All comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Barbara Hallman, (703) 305-2730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Coordination Best Practices Project.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: Participation in continuous and comprehensive health care, coupled with good nutrition, has been shown to improve pregnancy outcomes and the health status of infants, children, and breastfeeding mothers. In recognition of the positive organizational and clinical outcomes that can result from improved coordination between the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Community/Migrant Health Centers (C/MHCs), and between the WIC Program and Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities, Section 17(j) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(j)), as amended by the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994, calls for WIC services to be provided at substantially more C/MHCs and for improved coordination of WIC services with those offered by IHS facilities. The purpose of the Coordination Best Practices Project is to identify 30-40 successful model coordination/collaboration efforts between the WIC Program and the C/MHCs funded by the Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Primary Health Care, and between the WIC Program and IHS programs and to showcase these in a "Best Practices Handbook." The handbook will be designed to provide information and to stimulate interaction and discussion between WIC, C/MHCs, and IHS programs. The handbook will also contain a tool for local sites to use in conducting an assessment of their current coordination efforts and in developing a plan to increase coordination/collaboration efforts.

Information for this study will be collected in two stages of telephone

interviews with staff from WIC clinics, C/MHCs and IHS facilities across the country. First, descriptive information will be collected through telephone interviews from 100-150 sites, each consisting of a C/MHC or IHS facility and the WIC clinic with which they coordinate or collaborate. These sites will be identified from recommendations provided by a variety of agencies and organizations with knowledge of WIC and health care programs. Information from this first stage of data collection will be used to identify 60 potential model sites. These 60 sites will be contacted again by telephone to collect more in-depth information on the collaboration and coordination of the WIC and primary health care services at the local level. Finally, these data will be analyzed to identify 30-40 "best practice" models, which will be described in the Best Practices Handbook. Ten sites will be profiled in greater detail.

Affected Public: Federal, State and local governments, local nonprofit organizations including local WIC agencies, C/MHCs, and IHS facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: One staff member from each of the 100-150 sites in the first round of interviews. In the second round of interviews, one staff member from the C/MHC or IHS facility and one staff member of the coordinating/collaborating WIC clinic will be interviewed for each of the 60 sites.

Estimated Time Per Response: Phone interviews will average 30 minutes per site for the first round of 100-150 sites. Interviews will average 60 minutes for the second round of 60 sites with two interviews per site.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 195 hours.

Dated: February 2, 1998.

Yvette S. Jackson,

Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be

furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies (Requirements for the Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina)