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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; Federal Subcontracting Forum, Workshop and Opportunities Fair

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a Federal Subcontracting Forum, Workshop and Opportunities Fair on June 24, 1998, from 9:00 AM to 4 PM, in the Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. The morning session (9 AM–12 Noon), which will be held in Room 107–A, will consist of presentations from featured guest speakers and the workshop. The subcontracting opportunities fair will take place in the afternoon from 1 PM to 4 PM in the Patio of the building. Participation at the morning session is open to large business concerns and non-profit organizations. Small business concerns are invited to participate in the afternoon session.

Presentation topics will include Best Practices in Subcontracting; the New OFPP Policy Letter on Subcontracting; the Impact of the Adarand Decision on the Federal Subcontracting Program (a surprising new development); An Update on the USDA Subcontracting Program; and the Future of Subcontracting. Among the guest speakers will be Stephen Schooner, Associate Administrator for Procurement Policy at the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), and Robert C. Taylor, Manager of the Federal Subcontracting Program at the Small Business Administration (SBA). The workshop will cover the required elements of a subcontracting plan, the reporting of subcontract award data, and

other pertinent information pertaining to the Subcontracting Program. Confidential and proprietary information will not be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss subcontracting issues/concerns during the morning session. Representatives from large business concerns and non-profit organizations will be available at the opportunities fair to discuss subcontracting opportunities. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

DATE: Reservations must be made by June 15, 1998 (fax or e-mail only).

ADDRESS: Confirm by facsimile at (202) 720–3001. Confirm by e-mail at janet.baylor@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Loretta D'Amico, USDA/OSDBU, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, AG STOP 9501, Washington, DC 20250–9501, telephone: (202) 720–7117, or visit the OSDBU's "What's New" Section on the Internet at www.usda.gov/da/smallbus.html. If you need accommodations to participate in the event, please notify Ms. D'Amico by June 15, 1998 at (202) 720–7117 (v) or through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 (voice/tdd).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Agriculture, and are 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. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market

coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to June Blalock, Technology Licensing Coordinator, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Bldg. 005, BARC–W, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2350; telephone: 301–504–5989 or fax: 301–504–5060. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The inventions available for licensing are:

- S.N. 08/580,664, "The Use of *Enterobacter Cloacae* as an Endophyte for the Control of Diseases Caused by Fungi"
- S.N. 08/785,716, "Glutenin Genes and Their Uses"
- S.N. 08/890,719, "Production of Antisera Specific to Major Histocompatibility Complex Molecules in Chicken"
- S.N. 08/898,999, "Flow Cytometry Nozzle for High Efficiency Cell Sorting"
- S.N. 08/906,333, "Method of Using Bile Salts to Inhibit Red Heat in Stored Brine-Cured Hides and Skins"
- S.N. 08/908,215, "A Strain of Gypsy Moth Virus with Enhanced Polyhedra and Budded Virus Production"
- S.N. 08/918,832, "Restructured Fruit and Vegetable Products and Processing Methods"
- S.N. 08/946,888, "Non-Thermal Energy Treatment for the Reduction of Microbial Population in Liquid Food Products"
- S.N. 08/974,938, "Biocontrol Agents for Take-All"
- S.N. 08/978,761, "The Prediction of Total Dietary Fiber in Cereal Products Using Near-Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy"
- S.N. 08/989,887, "Method and Pressure Gauge Mechanism for Determining and Controlling Moisture Content in Bales of Material Such as Cotton"
- S.N. 08/996,136, "Whey Protein Fractionation Using High Pressure or Supercritical Carbon Dioxide"