

Alternative Fueled Vehicle Refueling System Program. In accordance with the criteria set out in 7 CFR Part 14, I have determined that all grant payments for implementation of best management practices made under this program are primarily for the purpose of protecting or restoring the environment. Subject to further determination by the Secretary of the Treasury, this determination permits payment recipients to exclude from gross income, for Federal income tax purposes, all or part of such payments made under said program.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on August 26, 1998.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Cancellation of Fiscal Year 1998 Agricultural Telecommunications Program Solicitation of Proposals

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Cancellation of Fiscal Year 1998 Agricultural Telecommunications Program Solicitation of Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is canceling its Solicitation of Proposals for the Fiscal Year 1998 Agricultural Telecommunications Program to comply with Section 245 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998. Proposals submitted to CSREES will be returned to the sender.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Louise Ebaugh, Director, Office of Extramural Programs on (202) 720-9181; e-mail, lebaugh@reeusda.gov; fax, (202) 401-7752.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for information may be sent to: Ms. Louise Ebaugh, Director, Office of Extramural Programs, Cooperative State, Research, Education and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 2299, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agricultural Telecommunications Program is authorized in Section 1673 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACTA), Pub. L.

101-624 (7 U.S.C. 5926). On June 18, 1998, by **Federal Register** notice (63 FR 33490), CSREES notified eligible organizations of the availability of funding and set forth application procedures and selection criteria for the fiscal year 1998 Agricultural Telecommunications Program. On June 23, 1998, President Clinton signed into law the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, AREERA, (Pub. L. 105-185). Section 245 of AREERA modifies Section 1673 of FACTA to require the Secretary of Agriculture to administer an Agricultural Telecommunications Program through a grant provided to the distance education consortium known as A*DEC under terms and conditions established by the Secretary. Therefore, CSREES is canceling the Fiscal Year 1998 Agricultural Telecommunications Program Solicitation of Proposals and will administer the program through an award to A*DEC to enable it to administer a competitive grant project under the program. It is the intent of CSREES to issue an award to A*DEC on or before September 30, 1998.

Information regarding the Agricultural Telecommunications Program, including instructions for the submission of proposals, will be published by A*DEC.

Done at Washington, D.C., on this 26th day of August, 1998.

Colien Hefferan,

Acting Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Types and Quantities of Agricultural Commodities Available for Donation Overseas Under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as Amended, in Calendar Year 1998

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On August 19, 1998, the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services determined that not more than 2.5 million metric tons of surplus wheat that may be acquired by CCC would be available for donation overseas under section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, during calendar year 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ira Branson, Director, CCC Program Support Division, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-3573.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Cairo (IL), Louisiana, and North Carolina Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Louisiana), and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (North Carolina) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 1998, for Louisiana and North Carolina and November 1, 1998, for Cairo.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 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.

In the April 1, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 15827), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by April 30, 1998. Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina are able to provide official services in the geographic areas