

processors participating in the demonstration project.

The demonstration project will enable FNS to evaluate whether to amend program regulations to allow the substitution of donated beef and pork with commercial beef and pork in the State processing program. Particular attention will be paid to whether such an amendment of the regulations would increase the number of processors participating, and whether it would increase the quantity of donated beef and pork that each processor accepts for processing. Further, FNS will attempt to determine whether the expected increase in competition and the expected increase in the quantity of donated beef and pork accepted for processing will enable processors to function more efficiently, producing a greater variety of processed end products more quickly and/or at lower costs.

Interested processors should submit a written proposal to FNS outlining how they plan to carry out the substitution while complying with the above conditions. The proposal must contain (1) a step-by-step description of how production will be monitored; and (2) a complete description of the records that will be maintained for (a) the commercial beef and pork substituted for the donated beef and pork and (b) the disposition of the donated beef and pork delivered by USDA. All proposals will be reviewed by representatives of the Food Distribution Division of FNS and by representatives of the AMS Livestock Division's Commodity Procurement Branch and Grading Branch. Companies approved for participation in the demonstration project will be required to enter into an agreement with FNS and AMS which authorizes the processor to substitute donated beef and pork with commercial bulk beef and pork in fulfilling any current or future State processing contracts during the demonstration project period. Participation in the demonstration project will not ensure that processors will be awarded any State processing contracts.

Dated: December 22, 1998.

**Samuel Chambers, Jr.,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Foreign Agricultural Service**

**Types and Quantities of Agricultural Commodities Available for Donation Overseas Under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as Amended, in Fiscal Year 1999**

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On Dec. 18, 1998, the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, who is the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Agricultural Services, determined that an additional 2.5 million metric tons grain equivalent of wheat and wheat products that may be acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) under its surplus removal operations is available for donation overseas under section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, during fiscal year 1999. This determination increases the amount of wheat and wheat products available for donation overseas under section 416(b) during fiscal year 1999 to 5.0 million metric tons grain equivalent.

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

Dated: December 2, 1998.

**Lon Hatamiya,**

*Vice President, CCC.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Opportunity for Designation in the Georgia, Schneider (IN), Central Iowa (IA), Montana, Mid-Iowa (IA), and Oregon Areas and Request for Comments on the Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon Agencies**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in July, August, and September 1999.

GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas

served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies:

- Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia);
- Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider);
- Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa);
- Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana);
- Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); and
- Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before February 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and comments must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications and comments may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

**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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act.

**1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal.**

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Georgia .....	Tifton, GA .....	8/1/1996	7/31/1999

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Schneider .....	Lake Village, IN .....	8/1/1996	7/31/1999
Central Iowa .....	Des Moines, IA .....	9/1/1996	8/31/1999
Montana .....	Great Falls, MT .....	9/1/1996	8/31/1999
Mid-Iowa .....	Cedar Rapids, IA .....	10/1/1996	9/30/1999
Oregon .....	Pendleton, OR .....	10/1/1996	9/30/1999

a. Georgia. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Georgia, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to Georgia.

b. Schneider. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, is assigned to Schneider.

In Illinois and Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Will County line from Interstate 57 east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line north to the northern Lake County line; the northern Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Elkhart County lines; the eastern Marshall County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Marshall and Starke County lines; the eastern Jasper County line south-southwest to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to Indiana State Route 55; Indiana State Route 55 south to the Newton County line; the southern Newton County line west to U.S. Route 41; U.S. Route 41 north to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to the Indiana-Illinois State line; and

Bounded on the West by Indiana-Illinois State line north to Kankakee County; the southern Kankakee County line west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 north to Interstate 57; Interstate 57 north to the northern Will County line.

Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Cargill, Inc., and Farmers Grain, both in Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana (located inside Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.'s area).

Schneider's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Schneider's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

c. Central Iowa. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Iowa, is assigned to Central Iowa.

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 30 east to N44; N44 south to E53; E53

east to U.S. Route 30; U.S. Route 30 east to the Boone County line; the western Boone County line north to E18; E18 east to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 north to the Boone County line; the northern Boone County line; the western Hamilton County line north to U.S. Route 20; U.S. Route 20 east to R38; R38 north to the Hamilton County line; the northern Hamilton County line east to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 northeast to C55; C55 east to S41; S41 north to State Route 3; State Route 3 east to U.S. Route 65; U.S. Route 65 north to C25; C25 east to S56; S56 north to C23; C23 east to T47; T47 south to C33; C33 east to T64; T64 north to B60; B60 east to U.S. Route 218; U.S. Route 218 north to Chickasaw County; the western Chickasaw County line; and the western and northern Howard County lines.

Bounded on the East by the eastern Howard and Chickasaw County lines; the eastern and southern Bremer County lines; V49 south to State Route 297; State Route 297 south to D38; D38 west to State Route 21; State Route 21 south to State Route 8; State Route 8 west to U.S. Route 63; U.S. Route 63 south to Interstate 80; Interstate 80 east to the Poweshiek County line; the eastern Poweshiek, Mahaska, Monroe, and Appanoose County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Appanoose, Wayne, Decatur, Ringgold, and Taylor County lines;

Bounded on the West by the western Taylor County line; the southern Montgomery County line west to State Route 48; State Route 48 north to M47; M47 north to the Montgomery County line; the northern Montgomery County line; the western Cass and Audubon County lines; the northern Audubon County line east to U.S. Route 71; U.S. Route 71 north to U.S. Route 30.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Farmers Co-op Elevator Company, Chapin, Franklin County; and CENEX Land O'Lakes, Inc., Rockwell, Cerro Gordo County (located inside D. R. Schaal Agency's area).

Central Iowa's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Central Iowa's area which have been and will continue

to be serviced by the following official agencies:

1. A. V. Tischer and Son, Inc.: Farmers Co-op Elevator, Boxholm, Boone County; and

2. Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: T&K Evans, Elliot, Montgomery County; and Hemphill Feed & Grain, and Hansen Feed & Grain, both in Griswold, Cass County.

d. Montana. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Montana, is assigned to Montana.

e. Mid-Iowa. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Iowa, is assigned to Mid-Iowa.

Bounded on the North by the northern Winneshiek and Allamakee County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Allamakee County line; the eastern and southern Clayton County lines; the eastern Buchanan County line; the northern and eastern Jones County lines; the eastern Cedar County line south to State Route 130;

Bounded on the South by State Route 130 west to State Route 38; State Route 38 south to Interstate 80; Interstate 80 west to U.S. Route 63; and

Bounded on the West by U.S. Route 63 north to State Route 8; State Route 8 east to State Route 21; State Route 21 north to D38; D38 east to State Route 297; State Route 297 north to V49; V49 north to Bremer County; the southern Bremer County line; the western Fayette and Winneshiek County lines.

f. Oregon. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Oregon, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to Oregon.

2. Opportunity for designation. Interested persons, including Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder.

## DESIGNATION TERM

Georgia .....	08/01/1999 to 7/31/2002.
Schneider .....	08/01/1999 to 7/31/2002.
Central Iowa .....	09/01/1999 to 8/31/2002.
Montana .....	09/01/1999 to 8/31/2002.
Mid-Iowa .....	10/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.
Oregon .....	10/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.

Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

3. Request for Comments. GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon official agencies. Commenters are encouraged to submit pertinent data concerning the Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon official agencies including information concerning the timeliness, cost, quality, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 10, 1998.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

## Designation for the Alton (IL), Columbus (OH), and Farwell (TX) Areas

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act):

Alton Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Alton);

Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus) and;

Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 1999.

**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 August 3, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 41224), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Alton Grain Inspection Department, Columbus, and Farwell to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by September 1, 1998. There were four applicants: Alton (a new corporation set up by Alton Grain Inspection Department), Missouri Department of Agriculture, Columbus, and Farwell. Columbus and Farwell, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Alton and the Missouri Department of Agriculture applied for designation to provide official services in the Alton area.

Since Columbus and Farwell were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

In the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**, GIPSA asked for comments on Alton Grain Inspection Department. In the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 52678), GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for the Alton area. There were six comments to the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**: five from customers of Alton Grain Inspection Department and one from a tow boat operator, all supporting designation of Alton Grain Inspection Department, Inc. There were no comments to the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register**.

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 Columbus and Farwell are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied and that Alton is better able to provide official services in the Alton area.

Effective February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2000, Alton is designated to provide official services in the Alton geographic area specified in the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**. Effective February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2002, Columbus and Farwell are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Alton at 314-978-1961, Columbus at 740-474-3519, and Farwell at 806-481-9052.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

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**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

## Procurement List Proposed Addition

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

**ACTION:** Proposed Addition to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received a proposal to add to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** February 3, 1999.

**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 addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the service 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 service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.