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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council.

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

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill five vacancies on the National Genetic Resources Advisory Council.

**DATE:** Written nominations must be postmarked no later than September 22, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Henry L. Shands, Director, National Genetic Resources Program, Room 323-A Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0300. Telephone 202-205-7835, Fax 202-690-1434.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council consists of seven ex-officio members and up to nine members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to provide advice to the Secretary and Director, National Genetic Resources Program, regarding the advancement of the Program administered by the Agricultural Research Service. Detailed information about the Council may be located at: <http://ars-grin.gov/ngrac>. The members of the advisory council who are not ex-officio members shall be appointed by the Secretary as follows: (1) Two-thirds of the members shall be appointed from among the leading representatives of the scientific disciplines relevant to the activities of the program, including agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, natural resource sciences,

health sciences, and nutritional sciences. (2) One-third of the members shall be appointed from the general public and shall include leaders in fields of public policy, trade, international development, law, or management. The term of office of a member is four years. Incumbent members represent the fields of law, research management, microbiology and animal genetic resources. Expertise is desired in applied anthropology, forest tree genetics, nutrition, plant genetic resources, genetic resources collections management and genomics.

Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation, if not otherwise officers or employees of the United States, except that they shall, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the advisory council, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under sections 5701 through 5707 of title 5, United States Code.

USDA is actively soliciting nominations of qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities and members of low income populations through outreach to minority-focused media outlets, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including Clark Atlanta University, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the National Congress of Native American Indians, the Intertribal Agriculture Council, Gallaudet and Purdue Universities, and the Rural Coalition. To ensure that recommendations of the NGRAC take into account the needs of underserved and diverse communities served by the USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Nominations for NGRAC membership must be typed and provide the appropriate background documents required by USDA policy: (1) a brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the NGRAC, (2) a resume or curriculum vitae, and (3) a completed copy of Form AD-755. Form AD755 may be downloaded in PDF form at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/afm2/>

divisions/itd/ISB/Forms/DOWNLOADS/RECORDS/AD-755.PDF. Nominations should be sent to Henry L. Shands at the address listed above, and be post marked no later than September 22, 1999.

**Henry L. Shands,**

*Assistant Administrator for Genetic Resources, USDA-ARS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Designations for the Hastings (NE), Aberdeen (SD), Missouri, Decatur (IL), Grand Forks (ND), McCrea (IA), and South Carolina 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):

Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri); Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur); Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks); John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea); and South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina).

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** November 1, 1999, for Hastings, December 1, 1999, for Aberdeen and Missouri, and January 1, 2000, for Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, 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, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 15724), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Hastings, Aberdeen, Missouri, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by April 30, 1999. Aberdeen, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina were the only applicants for their respective areas, and each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

There were two applicants for the Hastings area: Hastings and Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Kansas). Hastings applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Kansas, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming, applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Hastings area.

There were three applicants for the Missouri area: Missouri, Kansas, and North Dakota Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (North Dakota). Missouri applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Kansas applied for

designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Missouri area. North Dakota, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Illinois as Illinois Official Grain Inspection, applied for the eastern portion of the Missouri area.

In the April 1, 1999, **Federal Register**, GIPSA asked for comments on the official services provided by Hastings, Aberdeen, Missouri, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina. There were two comments to the April 1, 1999, **Federal Register**, both from grain industry customers of Missouri, and both supporting designation of Missouri.

In the June 1, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 29259), GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for the Hastings and Missouri areas. Since Aberdeen, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina were the only applicants for their respective areas, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

There were 19 comments to the June 1, 1999, **Federal Register**, on the applicants for the Hastings area: 13 comments from Hastings grain customers supporting Hastings, 1 from Hastings supporting themselves, and 5 comments (3 from grain firms, 1 from a

railroad, and 1 from a popcorn company) supported designation of Kansas.

There were 21 comments to the June 1, 1999, **Federal Register** on the applicants for the Missouri area: 19 comments from legislators of Missouri and 2 from grain companies all supporting designation of Missouri. There were no comments on Kansas or North Dakota.

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 Hastings and Missouri are better able than any other applicant to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied.

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 Aberdeen, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied.

The following organizations are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the April 1, 1999, **Federal Register**.

Official agency	Designation start	Designation end	Telephone
Hastings .....	11/01/1999	9/30/2002	402-462-4254
Aberdeen .....	12/01/1999	9/30/2002	605-225-8432
Missouri .....	12/01/1999	9/30/2002	573-751-5515
Decatur .....	01/01/2000	9/30/2002	217-429-2466
Grand Forks .....	01/01/2000	9/30/2002	701-772-0151
McCrea .....	01/01/2000	9/30/2002	319-242-2073
South Carolina .....	01/01/2000	9/30/2002	843-554-1311

Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed above.

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

Dated: August 23, 1999.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on September 27, 1999, at the Christian Tutwiler Hotel, Park Place 21st Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 23, 1999.

**Carol-Lee Hurley,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on September 21, 1999, at the Fayetteville Hilton, 70 North East Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities and review draft report.

**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m.