

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.

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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 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 23, 1999.

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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.