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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.