

- The reason why the importer was selected for the project; and
- The importer's role in the project regarding handling and processing the commodity sample; and

(e) Information indicating all funding sources, and amounts to be contributed by each entity that will contribute to implementation of the proposed project. This may include the organization that submitted the proposal, private industry entities, host governments, foreign third parties, CCC, FAS, or other Federal agencies. Contributed resources may include cash, goods, and services.

Review Process

FAS will use the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

- The overall quality of the proposal;
- The ability of the organization to provide an experienced staff with the requisite technical and trade experience to execute the proposal;
- The extent to which the proposal is targeted to a market in which the United States is generally competitive;
- The potential for expanding commercial sales in the proposed market;
- The nature of the specific market constraint involved and how well it is addressed by the proposal;
- The extent to which the importer's contribution in terms of handling and processing enhances the potential outcome of the project;
- The amount of reimbursement requested and the organization's willingness to contribute resources, including cash and goods and services of the U.S. industry and foreign third parties; and
- How well the proposed technical assistance component assures that performance trials will effectively demonstrate the intended end-use benefit.

FAS will establish a QSP Committee (Committee) for the purpose of reviewing proposals for eligibility and completeness and allocating CCC funds. The Committee will evaluate each proposal against the factors described above. The purpose of this review is to identify meritorious proposals, recommend an appropriate funding level for each proposal based upon these factors, and submit the proposals and funding recommendations to the Deputy Administrator, Commodity and Marketing Programs.

Agreements

Following approval of a proposal, CCC will enter into an agreement with the organization that submitted the proposal. Agreements will incorporate the proposal as approved by FAS. Each

agreement will identify terms and conditions pursuant to which CCC will reimburse certain costs of the project. Agreements will also outline the responsibilities of the participant, including, but not limited to, procurement (or arranging for procurement) of the commodity sample at a fair market price, arranging for shipment of the commodity sample within the time limit specified in the agreement (generally 90 days), compliance with cargo preference requirements (shipment on United States flag vessels, as may be required), timely and effective implementation of technical assistance, and submission of a written evaluation report within 6 months of completion of the project. Evaluation reports should address the performance measures presented in the proposal.

Closing Date for Proposals

All proposals must be submitted in triplicate and received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**], at one of the following addresses:

Hand Delivery (including FedEx, DHL, etc.): U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Marketing Operations Staff, Room 4932-S, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1042.

U.S. Postal Delivery: Marketing Operations Staff, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-1042.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

Timothy J. Galvin,

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service,
Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise potential Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement (Agreement) holders and other interested parties of the implementation and effective date of the new Revision 6 Agreement that the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will use to carry out

the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate (Step 2) Program, authorized under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Klein, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., STOP 0553, Washington, D.C. 20250-0553, telephone (202) 720-4647, or FAX (202) 690-0014, E-Mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In keeping with the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, enacted October 22, 1999, CCC will reinstate the Step 2 Program for eligible upland cotton beginning October 1, 1999. All potential Domestic and Exporter Agreement holders who sign and return the Revision 6 Agreement to the Kansas City Commodity Office, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64141-6205, by no later than November 30, 1999, will be eligible to receive the Step 2 payment in effect during the week in which the upland cotton bales were consumed or exported. Prompt Payment Act provisions will not apply retroactively. Prompt Payment interest will be calculated beginning 30 days from receipt of the completed application for payment. Those potential Agreement holders who fail to sign and return the new Revision 6 Agreement by November 30, 1999, will have an effective date upon signature and acceptance by CCC. An electronic copy of the Revision 6 Agreement is available on the World Wide Web at www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/step2.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 3, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; The Summer Food Service Program Claim Reimbursement Form FNS-143

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.