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All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 27, 2000.

**James Caron,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-00-23]

#### Public Hearing Regarding Establishment of a New Tobacco Auction Market

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing regarding an application to combine the Fairmont-Fair Bluff, North Carolina and Loris, South Carolina, tobacco markets.

*Dates:* November 9, 2000.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. local time.

*Place:* Dales Family Seafood and Steakhouse, 100 701 Bypass, Tabor City, North Carolina.

*Purpose:* To hear testimony and to receive evidence regarding an application for tobacco inspection and price support services to a new market, which would be a consolidation of the currently designated markets of Fairmont-Fair Bluff, North Carolina and

Loris, South Carolina. The application was made by Robert L. Boyd, Sales Supervisor, Loris, South Carolina, and Curtis McGirt, Sales Supervisor, Fairmont, North Carolina.

This public hearing will be conducted pursuant to the joint policy statement and regulations governing the extension of tobacco inspection and price support services to new markets and to additional sales on designated markets (7 CFR 29.1 through 29.3), issued under the Tobacco Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 511 *et seq.*) and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program: Opportunity To Submit Grant Applications

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity to submit grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation will be making grants to States and Indian tribal governments. The grants must be used to provide coupons to low-income seniors that they may exchange for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs. Eligible foods are fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Ten million dollars are available for grants for the 2001 farmers' market season.

**DATE:** Applications must be received on or before December 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be sent to Diane Kriviski, Grants Management Specialist, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, Grants Management Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 738, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Kriviski at (703) 305-2049.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. What Is the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program?**

##### *A. Background*

The Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program is a new program established by USDA's

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Under the program, CCC will make grants to States and Indian tribal governments. The grants must be used to provide low-income seniors coupons they may exchange for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs. Eligible foods are fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The grant funds may be used only to support the costs of the foods that are provided under the program; no administrative funding is available. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will assist CCC in evaluating the grant applications.

##### *B. Purpose*

The purposes of the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program are to (1) provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors, (2) increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs, and (3) develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs.

##### *C. Authority*

Funds are being made available for this pilot program pursuant to the CCC Charter Act. Section 5(e) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(e)) authorizes CCC to use its resources to "increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic markets or by developing or aiding in the development of new and additional markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities."

#### **II. Who Is Eligible for These Grants?**

All States and federally recognized Indian tribal governments are eligible for these grants. Indian tribal governments may apply directly or as part of a State application. Each State may submit only one application on behalf of all interested State agencies, local governments, and non-profit organizations in that State, and any Indian tribal governments that want to participate through the State. Each applicant State must designate a lead State agency. However, the lead State agency may make subgrants to other State agencies, Indian tribal governments, local governments, and