

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Corvallis, OR. The purpose of the meeting is to determine how to spend Title II Payments to Counties Funds. The agenda includes: how to distribute the balance of Title II funds; kinds of projects the RAC would like to see from the Forest Service; how much Title II money should be used on private lands versus public lands; the cost of NEPA implementation for public projects; and a public forum.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 13, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Siuslaw river Room, at the Siuslaw National Forest Headquarters, at 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Stanley, Community Development Specialist, Siuslaw National Forest, 541/750-7210 or write to Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, PO Box 1148, Corvallis, OR 97339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A public input period will begin at 11:45 a.m. The meeting is expected to adjourn a few minutes after 12 noon.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Gloria Brown,*Forest Supervisor.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****[02-b]****Cancellation of Oregon's Designation, Request for Comments on the Need for Official Service in Oregon, and the Opportunity for Designation in the Oregon Area****AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The Oregon Department of Agriculture

(Oregon), is designated to provide official inspection services until June 30, 2005, according to the Act. Oregon informed Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) that they will cease providing official inspection effective November 27, 2002. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing that Oregon's designation terminates effective November 27, 2002. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the need for service in the area, and asking for applicants for service in the area.

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before December 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604; FAX 202-690-2755; e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated Oregon, main office in Salem, Oregon, to provide official inspection services under the Act on July 1, 2002.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies will end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Oregon ends on June 30, 2005, according to the Act. However, Oregon advised GIPSA that they will close their sole specified service point in Pendleton, Oregon, on November 27, 2002. Accordingly, GIPSA is canceling Oregon's designation effective November 27, 2002, asking for comments on the need for official service in Oregon, and asking for applicants to provide service. GIPSA will select an applicant for service only if there is a demonstrated need.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area is open for designation; the entire State of

Oregon, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA. Interested persons are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm>.

Any firms in Oregon that require official service after November 27, 2002 should contact GIPSA's Portland Field Office at 503-326-7887.

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

Dated: November 6, 2002.

Donna Reifschneider,*Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****[02-04-A]****Opportunity for Designation in the Kansas, Minot (ND), and Tri-State (OH) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas****AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in June 2003. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies: Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc., (Kansas); Minot Grain Inspection, Inc., (Minot); and Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc., (Tri-State).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before January 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20250-3604; FAX 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to

provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Kansas	Topeka, KS	07/01/2000	06/30/2003
Minot	Minot, ND	07/01/2000	06/30/2003
Tri-State	Cincinnati, OH	07/01/2000	06/30/2003

a. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming, is assigned to Kansas.

The entire State of Colorado.
The entire State of Kansas.
In Nebraska:

Bounded on the North by the northern Scotts Bluff County line; the northern Morrill County line east to Highway 385;

Bounded on the East by Highway 385 south to the northern Cheyenne County line; the northern and eastern Cheyenne County lines; the northern and eastern Deuel County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Kimball, Banner, and Scotts Bluff County lines.

Goshen, Laramie, and Platt Counties, Wyoming.

Kansas' assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Kansas' area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc.; Farmers Coop, and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska.

b. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of North Dakota, is assigned to Minot.

Bounded on the North by the North Dakota State line east to State Route 14;

Bounded on the East by State Route 14 south to State Route 5; State Route 5 east to State Route 60; State Route 60 southeast to State Route 3; State Route 3 south to State Route 200;

Bounded on the South by State Route 200 west to State Route 41; State Route 41 south to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83

northwest to State Route 200; State Route 200 west to U.S. Route 85; U.S. Route 85 south to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 west to the North Dakota State line; and

Bounded on the West by the North Dakota State line.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, Wells County (located inside Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc.'s, area); and Benson Quinn Company, Underwood, and Falkirk Farmers Elevator, Washburn, both in McLean County (located inside Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

c. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, is assigned to Tri-State.

Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Rush (south of State Route 244), and Switzerland Counties, Indiana.

Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Campbell, Clark, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Lewis (west of State Route 59), Mason, Montgomery, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton, and Robertson Counties, Kentucky.

In Ohio:

Bounded on the North by the northern Preble County line east; the western and northern Miami County lines east to State Route 296; State Route 296 east to State Route 560; State Route 560 south to the Clark County line; the northern Clark County line east to U.S. Route 68;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 68 south to U.S. Route 22; U.S. Route 22 east to State Route 73; State Route 73 southeast to the Adams County line; the eastern Adams County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Hamilton County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Hamilton, Butler, and Preble County lines.

2. Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including Kansas, Minot, and Tri-State, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder.

Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2006. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm>.

3. Request for Comments

GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the Kansas, Minot, and Tri-State official agencies. Commenters are encouraged to submit pertinent data concerning these official agencies including information on the timeliness, cost, quality, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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

Dated: November 13, 2002.
Donna Reifschneider,
Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[02-02-S]

Designation for the Alabama, California, Kankakee (IL), Springfield (IL), and Washington Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act):

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama);
 California Department of Food and Agriculture (California);

Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee);
 Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield); and
 Washington Department of Agriculture. (Washington).

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2003.

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, e-mail *Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov*.

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 June 3, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 38249), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 1, 2002.

Alabama, California, Kankakee, and Washington were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them. There were two applicants for the Springfield area: Springfield applied for all of the area currently assigned to them, and Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk), a designated official agency, applied for Cass and Schuyler Counties. GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for service in the September 3, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 13599). Comments were due by October 1, 2002. GIPSA received no comments by the due date.

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 Alabama, California, Kankakee, Springfield, and Washington are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 3, 2002, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start—end
Alabama	Montgomery, AL, Additional Service Locations: Decatur, Mobile, AL, 334-415-2531	01/01/2003-12/31/2005
California	Sacramento, CA, Additional Service Locations: Bell, Corcoran, Imperial, Stockton, West Sacramento, Williams, CA, 916-654-0743.	01/01/2003-12/31/2005
Kankakee	Essex, IL, Additional Service Location: Tiskilwa, IL, 815-365-2268	01/01/2003-12/31/2005
Springfield	Springfield, IL, 217-522-5278	01/01/2003-12/31/2005
Washington	Olympia, WA, Additional Service Locations: Colfax, Kalama, Pacso, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Tumwater, Vancouver, WA, 360-902-1921.	01/01/2003-12/31/2005

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of a Public Meeting on Implementation of Section 9006 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency in the Rural Development Mission Area of the United States Department of Agriculture, will hold a public meeting entitled "Expanding Rural Renewable Energy Systems." The purpose of this event is to initiate a dialogue about how to implement a loan guarantee, direct loan, and grant program to finance