

Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Under Secretary

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill eight vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before February 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 2210; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2210. Nominations delivered by express mail or overnight courier service should be sent to: Office of the Forestry Research Advisory Council; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3213, Waterfront Centre; 800 9th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FUTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catalino A. Blanche, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council; telephone: (202) 401-4190; fax: (202) 401-1706; e-mail: cblanche@reeusda.gov, or Dr. Hao Tran, Staff Assistant, Research and Development, Forest Service; telephone: (202) 205-1293; fax: (202) 205-1530; e-mail: htran@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1441 (c) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to

provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, *et seq.*), known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

- Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources, in particular committee membership, will include representation from the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Stations leaders, Forest Service;
- The forest industries;
- The forestry schools of the State certified eligible institutions, and State agricultural experiment stations; and
- Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

Nomination of members representing the forestry schools will be sent to the Secretary by State-certified eligible forestry schools. This notice does not seek nominations representing those institutions.

The Council membership is appointed with staggered terms of one, two, and three years. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms of six members expire December 31, 2002. Nominations for a three-year appointment for the six positions and two unfilled positions last year are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a membership category. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted.

Each nominee must submit and complete a current resume and Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (which can be obtained from the contact person) and will be vetted before selection. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or delivery service to ensure timely receipt by the USDA.

Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Under Secretary

Notice of Appointment of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Appointment of members.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces the appointments to the 11 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Appointments are for a three-year term, effective October 1, 2002, until September 30, 2005, with the exception of one one-year appointment resulting from a member resignation after serving two years.

ADDRESSES: National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 344A, Jamie L. Whitten Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 2255; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, telephone: (202) 720-3684; fax: (202) 720-6199; e-mail: dhanfman@reeusda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category related to agriculture. The Board was first appointed in September 1996 and at that time one-third of the original 30 members were appointed for