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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers And
Stockyards Administration**

[05-B-W]

**Designation of Columbus (OH) to
Provide Class X or Class Y Weighing
Services**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the
designation of Columbus Grain
Inspection, Inc. (Columbus), to provide
Class X or Class Y weighing services
under the United States Grain Standards
Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005.

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:
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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 December 1, 2004, **Federal
Register** (69 FR9883), GIPSA announced
the designation of Columbus to provide
official inspection services under the
Act, effective January 1, 2005, and
ending December 31, 2007.
Subsequently, Columbus asked GIPSA
to amend their designation to include

official weighing services. Section
7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's
Administrator to designate authority to
perform official weighing to an agency
providing official inspection services
within a specified geographic area, if
such agency is qualified under section
7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated
all available information regarding the
designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A)
of the Act, and determined that
Columbus is qualified to provide official
weighing services in their currently
assigned geographic area.

Effective October 1, 2005, and
terminating December 31, 2007 (the end
of Columbus's designation to provide
official inspection services), Columbus's
present designation is amended to
include Class X or Class Y weighing
within their assigned geographic area, as
specified in the June 1, 2004, **Federal
Register** (69FR 30869). Official services
may be obtained by contacting
Columbus at 740-474-3519.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and
Stockyards Administration**

[05-04-A]

**Opportunity for Designation in the
Topeka (KS), Minot (ND), Lake Village
(IN), and Cincinnati (OH) Areas,
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 2006. 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 quality of services
provided by these currently designated
agencies: Kansas Grain Inspection
Service, Inc. (Kansas); Minot Grain
Inspection, Inc. (Minot); Schneider
Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider); and
Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc.
(Tri-State).

DATES: Applications and comments
must be received by January 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit
applications and comments on this
notice. You may submit applications
and comments by any of the following
methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to
Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch,
Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA,
Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission
to (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M.
Hart.

- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to
Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M.
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance
Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604,
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,
Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Applications and Comments: All
applications and comments will be
available for public inspection at the
office above during regular business
hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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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 terminate 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**

For Kansas, main office in Topeka,
Kansas; Minot, main office in Minot,
North Dakota; and Tri-State, main office
in Cincinnati, Ohio; the current
designations started July 1, 2003, and
will end June 30, 2006. For Schneider,
main office in Lake Village, Indiana; the
current one year designation started July
1, 2005, and will end June 30, 2006.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Kansas	Topeka, KS	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
Minot	Minot, ND	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
Schneider	Lake Village, IN	07/01/2005	06/30/2006
Tri-State	Cincinnati, OH	07/01/2003	06/30/2006

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 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 the eastern Bottineau County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Bottineau County line south to the northern Pierce County line; the northern Pierce County line east 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: Benson Quinn Company, Underwood, and

Falkirk Farmers Elevator, Washburn, both in McLean County; and Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, Wells 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 Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, is assigned to Schneider.

In Illinois and Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Will County line from Interstate 57 east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line north to the northern Lake County line; the northern Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Elkhart County lines; the eastern Marshall County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Marshall and Starke County lines; the eastern Jasper County line south-southwest to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to Indiana State Route 55; Indiana State Route 55 south to the Newton County line; the southern Newton County line west to U.S. Route 41; U.S. Route 41 north to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to the Indiana-Illinois State line; and

Bounded on the West by the Indiana-Illinois State line north to Kankakee County; the southern Kankakee County line west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 north to Interstate 57; Interstate 57 north to the northern Will County line.

Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan.

Schneider's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Schneider's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

d. 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, Schneider, 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, 2006, and ending June 30, 2009. 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, 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 quality of services for the Kansas, Minot, Schneider, and Tri-State official agencies. Substantive comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants will be considered in the designation process. 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.

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