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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Northwest Agricultural Products, Inc. of Pasco, Washington, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,552,315, "Bacteria for the Control of Fusarium Dry Rot of Potatoes", issued on September 3, 1996, U.S. Patent No. 5,783,411, "Bacterial Control of Fusarium Dry Rot of Potatoes", issued on July 21, 1998, and U.S. Patent No. 6,107,247, "Biological Control of Sprouting in Potatoes", issued on August 22, 2000.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; *telephone:* 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Northwest Agricultural Products, Inc. of Pasco, Washington has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective

exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The proposed collection is a revision and extension of a currently approved collection.

The purpose of the Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs is to provide a standardized format for the development of all Requests for Applications released by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Agency and to allow for a more expeditious OMB clearance process.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 20, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Lael J. Lubing, Grants Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 732, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Lael J. Lubing at 703-605-0363 or via e-mail to lael.lubing@fns.usda.gov.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, Room 732.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Lael J. Lubing on (703) 305-2048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs.

OMB Number: 0584-0512.

Expiration Date: November 30, 2008.

Type of Request: Revision of the previously approved collection of information.

Abstract: FNS has a number of discretionary grant programs. (Consistent with the definition in 7 CFR Part 3016, the term "grant" as used in this notice includes cooperative agreements.) The authorities for these grants vary and will be cited as part of each grant application solicitation. The purpose of the revision to the currently approved collection for the Uniform Grant Application Package for Discretionary Grant Programs is to continue the authority for the established uniform grant application package and to update the number of collection hours. The uniform collection package is useable for all of FNS' discretionary grant programs to collect information from grant applicants that is needed to evaluate and rank applicants and protect the integrity of the grantee