

- Past projections of exports for 2008 as specified in the 2008 MAP application.

The Commodity Branches' recommended funding levels for each applicant are converted to percentages of the total MAP funds available and then multiplied by each weight factor as described above to determine the amount of funds allocated to each applicant.

2. *Anticipated Announcement Date:* Announcements of funding decisions for the MAP are anticipated during October 2009.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* The FAS will notify each applicant in writing of the final disposition of its application. The FAS will send an approval letter and project agreement to each approved applicant. The approval letter and project agreement will specify the terms and conditions applicable to the project, including the levels of MAP funding and cost-share contribution requirements.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* Interested parties should review the MAP regulations, which are available at the following URL address: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/map.asp>. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the Program Operations Division at (202) 720-4327.

3. *Reporting:* The FAS requires various reports and evaluations from MAP participants. Reporting requirements are detailed in the MAP regulations in section 1485.20(b) and (c).

VII. Agency Contact(s)

For additional information and assistance, contact the Program Operations Division, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. *Mailing Address:* AgBox 1020, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1020. *Courier Address:* Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024. *Phone:* (202) 720-4327, *fax:* (202) 720-9361, *e-mail:* podadmin@fas.usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, DC, on the 17th of April 2009.

Patricia R. Sheikh,

Acting, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Household Water Well System Grant Program Announcement of Application Deadlines and Funding

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces the availability of \$993,000 in grant funds for the Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2009, to be competitively awarded. A notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications was published in the November 20, 2008 **Federal Register**, 73 FR 70315, prior to passage of a final appropriations bill identifying a definite funding amount. For information and other requirements on how to apply for HWWS Grant Program funds, please refer to the November 20, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register**.

The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 U.S.C. 1926e. The CONACT authorizes USDA Rural Development to make grants to qualified private nonprofit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells. The non-profit organizations will use the grants to make loans to individual homeowners to construct or upgrade a household water well system for an existing home. The organizations must contribute an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the grant request to capitalize the loan fund. Applications may be submitted in paper or electronic format. The HWWS Grant Program regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 1776.

DATES: The deadline for completed applications for a HWWS grant is May 31, 2009. Applications in either paper or electronic format must be postmarked or time-stamped electronically on or before the deadline. Late applications will be ineligible for grant consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic grant applications through <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov), following the instructions on that Web site. Submit completed paper applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Mail Stop #1570, Room 2233-S, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570. Applications should be marked "Attention: Water and Environmental Programs." Application guides and

materials for the HWWS Grant Program may be obtained electronically through <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm>. Call (202) 720-9589 to request paper copies of application guides and materials from the Water and Environmental Programs staff.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Francis, Loan Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Programs, Water and Environmental Programs, telephone: (202) 720-1937, fax: (202) 690-0649, e-mail: cheryl.francis@wdc.usda.gov.

Dated: April 20, 2009.

James R. Newby,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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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 Circle One Global, Inc. of Cuthbert, Georgia, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 7,361,499, "Non-Aflatoxigenic *Aspergillus Flavus* Isolates", issued on April 22, 2008, and to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/848,866, "Water Dispersible Formulation for Delivery of Biocontrol Fungi to Reduce Aflatoxin", filed on August 31, 2007.

DATES: Comments must be received May 29, 2009.

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 these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as Circle One Global, Inc. of Cuthbert, Georgia 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

Foreign Agricultural Service

Consultative Group To Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension for receiving nominations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the period for receiving applications from individuals to serve as a non-government member of the Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products (Consultative Group). On June 18, 2008, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (The Act), also known as the 2008 Farm Bill, was enacted. The Act provides for the creation of the Consultative Group.

DATES: Applications must be received prior to 5 p.m. on May 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit applications by any of the following methods:

—*USDA:* Applications should be sent by mail to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250; by hand (including DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.) to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4133-S, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250; by e-mail to: kathryn.ting@fas.usda.gov; or by fax to (202) 720-0340.

—*U.S. Department of Labor (DOL):* Applications should be sent by mail or by hand (including DHL, FedEx, UPS, etc.) to the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution

Ave., NW., Room S-5317, Washington, DC 20210; by e-mail to: castro.charita@dol.gov; or by fax to (202) 693-4830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Negotiations and Agreements by fax to (202) 720-0340; by e-mail addressed to kathryn.ting@fas.usda.gov; or by mail addressed to the Office of Negotiations and Agreements, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products was established by section 3205 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). Interested parties are invited to submit applications for membership in the Consultative Group to USDA or DOL as specified in the Submission of Applications paragraph below.

Duties

The Consultative Group will develop recommendations relating to a standard set of practices for independent, third-party monitoring and verification for the production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products or commodities to reduce the likelihood that agricultural products or commodities imported into the United States are produced with the use of forced labor or child labor. Recommendations developed by the Consultative Group will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture by June 18, 2010. Thereafter, the Consultative Group will continue to advise the Secretary as necessary.

Membership

As required under section 3205(d) of the Act, the Consultative Group will be composed of not more than 13 members, including two officials from USDA, one of whom will serve as the chairperson; the Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs, DOL; and one representative from the Department of State. The Consultative Group will also include:

- Three members to represent private agriculture-related enterprises, which may include retailers, food processors, importers, and producers, of whom at least one member shall be an importer, food processor, or retailer who utilizes independent, third-party supply chain monitoring for forced labor or child labor;
- Two members to represent institutions of higher education and research institutions, as determined

appropriate by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, DOL;

- One member to represent an organization that provides independent, third-party certification services for labor standards for producers or importers of agricultural commodities or products; and

- Three members to represent organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that have expertise on the issues of international child labor and do not possess a conflict of interest associated with establishment of the guidelines issued under section 3205(c)(2) of the Act, as determined by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, DOL, including representatives from consumer organizations and trade unions, if appropriate.

Terms of Service

- Members shall serve through December 31, 2012;

- The Consultative Group shall meet no fewer than four times per year in person in Washington, DC or through alternative media;

- The Consultative Group shall make its recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture no later than June 18, 2010. Thereafter, the Consultative Group submit annual reports to the Secretary through December 31, 2012;

- Members of the Consultative Group shall serve without compensation;

- Travel and lodging expenses will be borne by each member; and

- Meetings of the Consultative Group will be closed to the public.

Submission of Applications

- Membership in the Consultative Group is open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation.

- All applications must include the following information:

- (1) Brief summary explaining the candidate's qualifications to serve as a member of the Consultative Group;

- (2) Statement specifying the non-government membership category for which the candidate is best qualified (private agriculture-related enterprises, higher education and research institutions, etc.);

- (3) Resume;

- (4) Contact information of candidate; and

- (5) Completed copy of form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information."

Applications from candidates of private agriculture-related enterprises and independent, third-party