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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets: Nominations

Announcement Type: New.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.603.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that nominations are being sought for twenty (20) qualified persons to serve on the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets (the Committee). The role of the Committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program (EMP). The Committee also recommends ways to enhance agricultural exports through the involvement of the U.S. private sector in emerging markets and reviews qualified proposals submitted to the Program for funding technical assistance activities, from a business perspective.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) by 5 p.m. on August 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: All nominating materials should be sent to Mark Slupek, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, *phone:* (202) 720-4327. Forms may also be submitted by fax to (202) 720-9361.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons interested in serving on the Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact Ilah Barnes, by telephone (202) 720-4327, by fax (202) 720-9361, or by electronic mail to emo@fas.usda.gov and request Form AD-755 and Form SF-181. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of

information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is authorized by section 1542 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, as amended. The overall purpose of the Committee is to provide USDA with information that may be useful in carrying out the provisions of the EMP. The Committee is composed of representatives of the various sectors of the food and rural business systems of the United States. More information about the purpose and function of the Committee and about the EMP may be found at the FAS/Emerging Markets Program Web site: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.asp>. Form AD-755 is required and is available on the EMP home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/Form%20AD-755.doc>. In addition, FAS encourages the submission of the optional form AD-1086 (Applicant Supplemental Sheet), available on the Internet at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/ad1086.pdf>. The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Committee members serve without compensation, but can receive reimbursement for travel expenses to attend committee meetings, if requested, in accordance with USDA travel regulations.

The Committee has a balanced membership of up to 20 members, representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. agricultural and agribusiness industry. All appointments will expire 2 years from the date of appointment. The Secretary may renew an appointment for one or more additional terms.

Most meetings will be held in Washington, DC, though other locations may be selected on an occasional basis. Committee meetings will be open to the public, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the Committee will be discussing issues, the disclosure of which justify closing all or a portion of a meeting, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the work of

the Committee takes into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the interest of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Members should have experience, expertise, and knowledge of international agriculture and of trade and development issues as they affect emerging markets. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to representation on the Committee. In making selections, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation of the various broad industries within the United States as well as geographic diversity.

Signed at Washington, DC, on the 1st day of July, 2009.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek reinstatement of an information collection, the Census of Horticultural Specialties.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 14, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0236, 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number and title above in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

Room 5336A, Mail Stop 2024, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

• *Hand Delivery/Courier: Hand deliver to:* David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336A, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0236.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Reinstatement of an Information Collection as mandated by the Census of Agricultural Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–113).

Abstract: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties survey to be conducted as a follow-on survey from the 2007 Census of Agriculture and is authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Title X—Horticulture and Organic Agriculture).

The 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties will use as a sampling universe; every respondent on the 2007 Census of Agriculture who reported production and sales of \$10,000 or more of horticultural specialty crops, and is still in business in 2009. In addition, NASS also plans to contact all new operations that have begun producing horticultural specialty products since the completion of the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Data collection will begin around January 1, 2010 for production and sales data for 2009. A final report will be published around December 2010. Data will be published at both the U.S. and State levels where possible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response.

Respondents: Producers of horticultural specialty crops.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 40,000 hours.

The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service are to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop production, livestock production, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to

agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow on surveys.

These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from the NASS OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720–2248.

Comments: 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 will have 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 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, June 17, 2009.

Joseph T. Reilly,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Norbeck Wildlife Project; Hell Canyon Ranger District; Black Hills National Forest Custer, SD

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Hell Canyon Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to implement multiple

resource management actions within the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve (Norbeck) project area as directed by the Norbeck Organic Act and the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Since the original NOI was published, the proposed action has been modified to no longer include prescribed burning within the Black Elk Wilderness, and two additional action alternatives have been developed. The No Action alternative, which is also being considered, would not authorize habitat improvements of any type within the project area. This revised Notice of Intent is being issued to provide updated information on this project, including the proposal, timing, and contact information.

DATES: The original NOI for the Norbeck project was published July 31, 2007 (72 FR 41703). The dates of expected availability of environmental documents have changed since that Notice. The draft environmental impact statement is now expected to be available in September 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected to be completed by December 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Honors, Project Leader, Black Hills National Forest, Hell Canyon Ranger District, 330 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer, South Dakota 57730 or by phone at (605) 673–4853.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose for action in the Norbeck project area has not changed, and is to benefit “game animals and birds” by improving habitat conditions within the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve, and to reduce the risks and consequences of a wildfire escaping from the wilderness. The EIS will describe current conditions and analyze environmental consequences of proposed actions. This information will assist the decision-maker in selecting management and monitoring strategies to meet desired conditions, such as the goals and objectives outlined for Management Area 5.4A, Norbeck Wildlife Preserve, Management Area 4.2B, Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway and Management Area 1.1A, Black Elk Wilderness.

The Forest Service seeks to provide high quality habitat for “game animals and birds” in accordance with the Norbeck Organic Act of June 5, 1920 and the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). A Focus Species List was prepared through coordination between USDA Forest Service personnel and South Dakota