

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Aberdeen, SD; Decatur, IL; Hastings, NE; Fulton, IL; the State of Missouri, and the State of South Carolina Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur); Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea); Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri); and South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA).

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: William A. Ashley, Acting Branch Chief, Quality Assurance and Designation Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William A. Ashley, 202-720-8262 or *William.A.Ashley@usda.gov*.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the March 22, 2011, **Federal Register** (76 FR 15937), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur); Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea); Missouri Department of

Agriculture (Missouri); and South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina). Applications were due by April 21, 2011.

Aberdeen, Decatur, Hastings, McCrea, Missouri, and South Carolina were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Aberdeen, Decatur, Hastings, McCrea, Missouri, and South Carolina are qualified to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the March 22, 2011, **Federal Register** for which they applied. This designation action to provide official services in these specified areas is effective October 1, 2011 and terminates on September 30, 2014.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following telephone numbers:

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Aberdeen	Aberdeen, SD, (605) 225-8432; Additional Location: Mitchell, SD	10/1/2011	9/30/2014
Decatur	Decatur, IL, (217) 429-2466	10/1/2011	9/30/2014
Hastings	Hastings, NE, (402) 462-4254; Additional Location: Grand Island, NE ...	10/1/2011	9/30/2014
McCrea	Fulton, IL, (815) 589-9955	10/1/2011	9/30/2014
Missouri	Jefferson City, MO, (573) 751-5515; Additional Locations: Kansas City, Marshall, St. Joseph, New Madrid, and Vandalia, MO.	10/1/2011	9/30/2014
South Carolina	Columbia, SC, (803) 734-2200; Additional Location: Vance, SC	10/1/2011	9/30/2014

Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA 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 (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)(1)).

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary; however, designations may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

Alan Christian,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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Opportunity for Designation in the Jamestown, ND; Lincoln, NE; Memphis, TN; and Sioux City, IA Areas; Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Servicing These areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on March 31, 2012. We are asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas presently served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. In addition, we are asking for comments on the quality of services provided by the following designated agencies: Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown); Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln); Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth); and

Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received by October 20, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments concerning this notice using any of the following methods:

- *Applying for Designation on the Internet:* Use FGISOnline (https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx) and then click on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an FGISOnline customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.

- *Submit Comments Using the Internet:* Go to Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier Address:* William A. Ashley, Acting Quality Assurance and Designation Branch Chief, Quality Assurance and Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.