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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will hold a workshop entitled "Cellulose Nanomaterial—A Path Towards Commercialization" on May 20–21, 2014 in collaboration with and co-sponsored by the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI). The workshop is intended to bring together executives and experts from the federal government, academia, and private sector to identify critical information gaps that need to be filled and technical barriers that need to be overcome to enable the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials. Workshop presenters and participants will identify pathways for the commercialization of cellulosic nanomaterials and the workshop will facilitate communication across multiple industry sectors; between users and cellulose nanomaterials producers; and among government, academia and industry to determine common challenges. An important goal of the workshop is to identify the critical information gaps and technical barriers in the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials from the perspective of nanocellulose user communities. The outcomes of the workshop are expected to be used to guide federal government and private sector investments in nanocellulose research and development. The workshop also supports the announcement last December by USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack regarding the formation of a public private-partnership to rapidly advance the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials. The USDA announcement can be found at: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2013%2F12%2F0235.xml>.

This workshop also supports the goals of the NNI Sustainable Nanomanufacturing Signature Initiative.

DATES: The Workshop will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the USDA Conference & Training Center, Patriots Plaza III, 355 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Cheryl David-Fordyce at National Nanotechnology Coordination Office, by telephone 703-292-2424 or email cdavid@nnco.nano.gov. Additional information about the meeting, including the agenda, is posted at <http://www.nano.gov/NCworkshop>.

Registration: Registration opens on March 17, 2014 at <http://www.nano.gov/NCworkshop>. Due to space limitations, pre-registration for the workshop is required. Written notices of participation by email should be sent to cdavid@nnco.nano.gov or mailed to Cheryl David-Fordyce, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II, Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230. Please provide your full name, title, affiliation and email or mailing address when registering. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached. Written or electronic comments should be submitted by email to cdavid@nnco.nano.gov until close of business April 30, 2014.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should contact Cheryl David-Fordyce 703-292-2424 at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: March 6, 2014.

Theodore H. Wegner,
Assistant Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Unassigned Areas of Southeast Texas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in unassigned areas of Southeast Texas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications and comments must be received by April 18, 2014.

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.

- *Mail, Courier or Hand Delivery:* Dexter Thomas, Acting Chief of Staff, USDA, GIPSA, OA, Room 2055-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- *Fax:* Dexter Thomas, 202-205-9237.

- *Email:* R.Dexter.Thomas@usda.gov.

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(c)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dexter Thomas, 202-720-6529 or R.Dexter.Thomas@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA previously announced an opportunity for designation in unassigned areas of Southeast Texas in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2013 (78 FR 59647). Applications were due by October 28, 2013. GIPSA received seven comments, representing five grain companies and two trade associations. All commenters supported Gulf Country Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf Country) designation for the geographical area announced in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2013. Five commenters specifically recommended that Gulf Country's designation be expanded to include the Rio Grande Valley geographical area in South Texas. Two of those five commenters stated that Gulf Country could provide an equal or greater level of service at a better cost than GIPSA. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing the opportunity for designation for unassigned areas of Southeast Texas including additional geographical area in South Texas.

Section 79(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better