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Dated: April 2, 2014.

**Gregory Parham,**

*Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee (Committee) pursuant to Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Act) (Pub. L. 110-246), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (5 U.S.C. App. 2). Additional information on the Committee can be found by visiting the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/frcc/>.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received by May 15, 2014. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, cover letter, and completed Form AD-755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Laurie Schoonhoven, USDA Forest Service, Office of Cooperative Forestry, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 201 14th Street SW., mailstop 1123, Washington, DC 20024 by express mail delivery or overnight courier service. Nominations sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be sent to the following address: USDA Forest Service; Office of Cooperative Forestry, State & Private Forestry; mailstop 1123; 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurie Schoonhoven, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator, Telephone: (202) 205-0929 or Karl Dalla Rosa, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Telephone: (202) 205-6206. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In accordance with the provisions of FACA, the Secretary of Agriculture is seeking nominations to fill seven vacancies that will occur when current appointments expire in December 2014. The purpose of the Committee is to continue providing direction and coordination of actions within the Department of Agriculture, and coordination with State agencies and the private sector, to effectively address the national priorities for private forest conservation, with specific focus on owners of non-industrial private forest land as described in Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). These priorities include:

1. Conserving and managing working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses,
2. Protecting forests from threats, including catastrophic wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, windstorms, snow or ice storms, flooding, drought, invasive species, insect or disease outbreak, or development, and restoring appropriate forest types in response to such threats, and
3. Enhancing public benefits from private forests, including air and water quality, soil conservation, biological diversity, carbon storage, forest products, forestry-related jobs, production of renewable energy, wildlife, wildlife corridors and wildlife habitat, and recreation.

##### Vacancy

Members appointed to the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented, functions to be performed, and will represent a broad array of expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and a balanced distribution among the categories are also important. Representatives from the following categories will be appointed by the Secretary with staggered terms up to 3 years: (2) State Foresters or equivalent State officials from geographically diverse regions of the United States.; (1) Non-industrial

Private Forest Landowner; (1) Land-Grant University or College; (1) Private Forestry Consultant; (1) State Technical Committee; and (1) Conservation Organization. Vacancies will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

#### Nomination and Application Instructions

The State Foresters, Non-industrial Private Forest Landowner, Land-Grant University or College, Private Forestry Consultant, State Technical Committee, or Conservation Organization positions must be associated with such organizations and be willing to represent that sector as it relates to non-industrial private forestry. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. The appointment of members to the Committee is made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the above vacancy on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. To be considered for membership, nominees must provide the following:

1. Resume describing your qualifications to represent the vacancy;
2. Cover letter with a rationale for serving on the committee and what you can contribute;
3. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information. The form AD-755 may be obtained from the Forest Service contacts or from the following Web site: [http://www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO\\_AD\\_755\\_Master\\_2012.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO_AD_755_Master_2012.pdf).
5. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

All nominations will be vetted by USDA. A list of qualified applicants will be prepared from which the Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint to the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit nominations via overnight mail or delivery to ensure timely receipt by the USDA. Members of the Committee will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses while performing duties on behalf of the Committee, subject to approval by the DFO.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have been taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership will,

to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: April 2, 2014.

**Gregory Parham,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity for Designation in the Aberdeen, SD; Hastings, NE; Fulton, IL; the State of Missouri, and the State of South Carolina 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 September 30, 2014. 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: Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea); Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri); and South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received by May 15, 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](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: Eric J. Jabs, Chief, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS,

QACD, QADB, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

- Fax: Eric J. Jabs, 816-872-1257.
- Email: [Eric.J.Jabs@usda.gov](mailto:Eric.J.Jabs@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:** Eric J. Jabs, 816-659-8408 or [Eric.J.Jabs@usda.gov](mailto:Eric.J.Jabs@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79(f)). Under section 79(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for three years unless terminated by the Secretary, but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

#### Areas Open for Designation

##### *Aberdeen*

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the State of North Dakota and South Dakota, is assigned to this official agency:

##### *In North Dakota and South Dakota*

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 12 east to State Route 22; State Route 22 north to the Burlington-Northern (BN) line; the Burlington-Northern (BN) line east to State Route 21; State Route 21 east to State Route 49; State Route 49 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 east and north to McIntosh County; the northern McIntosh County line east to Dickey County; the northern Dickey County line east to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east;

Bounded on the East by the eastern South Dakota State line (the Big Sioux River) to A54B;

Bounded on the South by A54B west to State Route 11; State Route 11 north to State Route 44 (U.S. 18); State Route 44 west to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south-southeast to the South Dakota State line; the southern South Dakota State line west;

Bounded on the West by the western South Dakota State line north; the

western North Dakota State line north to U.S. Route 12.

##### *Hastings*

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Nebraska, is assigned to this official agency:

##### *In Nebraska*

Bounded on the North by the northern Nebraska State line from the western Sioux County line east to the eastern Knox County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Knox County lines; the eastern Antelope County line; the northern Madison County line east to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to the southern Madison County line; the southern Madison County line; the eastern Boone, Nance, and Merrick County lines; the Platte River southwest; the eastern Hamilton County line; the northern and eastern Fillmore County lines; the southern Fillmore County line west to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to State Highway 8; State Highway 8 west to the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81; the County Road south to southern Nebraska State line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Nebraska State line, from the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81, west to the western Dundy County line;

Bounded on the West by the western Dundy, Chase, Perkins, and Keith County lines; the southern and western Garden County lines; the southern Morrill County line west to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 north to the southern Box Butte County line; the southern and western Sioux County lines north to the northern Nebraska State line.

The following grain elevators are part of this geographic area assignment. In Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s area: Farmers Coop, Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska; and Big Springs Elevator, Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska. In Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc.'s area: Huskers Cooperative Grain Company, Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska.

##### *McCrea*

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Illinois and Iowa, is assigned to this official agency:

##### *In Illinois*

Carroll and Whiteside Counties.