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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Tribal Advisory Committee; Notice of Solicitation for Nominations

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice to solicit nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for four (4) vacancies on the USDA Tribal Advisory Committee (“the Committee”). The Committee consists of eleven (11) members serving staggered terms. Three members will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture for a three-year term and one by the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture to serve the remainder of the vacancy term ending December 19, 2025. Members may only serve on one USDA advisory committee at a time. Candidates and alternates selected for potential appointments will undergo a USDA background check. Pursuant to the Committee’s statutory authorization, only Indian tribes as defined by 25 U.S.C. 5304, Tribal organizations as defined by 25 U.S.C. 5304, or national or regional organizations with expertise in issues relating to the Committee may nominate candidates for consideration.

Complete nomination packages will include a nomination letter signed by a representative authorized to make decisions on behalf of the nominating entity, the nominee’s resume, and a USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form completed by the nominee (available online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf>). Resumes or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include a summary of the following information: current and past organization

affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; any other notable positions held; and geographic locations and regions served. Additional letters of endorsement are optional.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted via email September 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations and resumes for recognition and appointment by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Ranking members of the House Committee on Agriculture through Josiah Griffin, Designated Federal Officer, at Tribal.Relations@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries may be sent to, Josiah Griffin, Designated Federal Officer, USDA, Office of Tribal Relations, at Tribal.Relations@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

About the Committee: The Tribal Advisory Committee is established pursuant to section 12303 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on matters relating to Tribal and Indian Affairs. The TAC defines “Indian affairs” similarly to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) jurisdiction (as defined in Section 25 of S. Res. 71, 103rd Congress, 1st Session), which includes but is not limited to all matters pertaining to American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native peoples. The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.

Eligible Nominators: Nominations may only be submitted by signatories authorized to represent an Indian tribe as defined by 25 U.S.C. 5304, a Tribal organization as defined by 25 U.S.C. 5304, or a national or regional organization with expertise in issues relating to the above duties of the Committee. These organizations include but are not limited to intertribal consortia, national or regional tribal serving organizations, land-grant institutions, and credit institutions such as Native Community Development Financial Institutions. Nominees are not required to represent the nominating entity.

Nomination Packages: Nominating entities must submit a complete nomination package for full consideration. Documents should be

typed and must include the following elements. Additional letters of endorsement are optional.

1. Nomination letters. Nomination letters must include a brief summary, no more than two pages, explaining the nominee’s qualifications to serve on the Tribal Advisory Committee and addressing the membership composition and criteria described above. The signatory of these letters must be authorized to represent the nominating entity.

2. Resume. A resume providing the nominee’s background, experience, and educational qualifications.

3. Background Information Form. A completed Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information form (AD–755) signed by the nominee available online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>.

Meeting Frequency: The Committee is required by law to meet at least twice in-person per year and is expected to convene quarterly, with meetings hosted virtually between in-person meetings. All Committee meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Appointment Terms: All official Appointees will each have access to this same **Federal Register** nomination process. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture will appoint three members for upcoming vacancies to serve a three (3) year term beginning December 2025 and ending in December 2028. The Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture will appoint one (1) member for a current vacancy term ending December 2026.

Membership Balance: Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 6921(b)(3)(c), to the maximum extent feasible, the Secretary shall ensure that the members of the Committee represent a diverse set of expertise on issues relating to geographic regions, Indian tribes, and the agricultural industry. USDA encourages nominees reflect the broad slate of what makes American agriculture great including but not limited to farmers/ranchers, food businesses, subsistence foragers, foresters, agriculture educators and land-grant faculty/staff, extension and technical assistance specialists, agriculture financiers (banks and credit institutions), Tribal leaders and Tribal

government officials, and agriculture/forestry law experts.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD) or the State or local Agency that administers the program.

Dated: August 6, 2025.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by September 8, 2025 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison Office

Title: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information.

OMB Control Number: 0505-0001.

Summary of Collection: The Department is required under Section 1804 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2281, *et seq.*) to provide information concerning advisory committee members' principal place of residence, persons or companies by whom employed, and other major sources of income. The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97-98) reiterates this requirement. USDA plans to now use the AD-755 form to collect information to appoint members to these MOA Boards. Marketing orders and agreements (MOA) are initiated by industry to help provide stable markets for dairy products, fruits, vegetables and specialty crops. Each order and agreement are tailored to the individual industry's needs. Marketing Orders are a binding regulation for the entire industry in the specified geographical area, once it is approved by the producers and the Secretary of Agriculture. Marketing Agreements are only binding for those handlers that sign the agreement.

R&P Board members under each program are appointed by the Secretary and the Secretary has delegated his appointment authority for the MOA Boards to the mission area Administrator/Under Secretary. Some of the information contained on Form AD-755 is used by the Department to conduct the background clearances of prospective board members required by departmental regulation. The clearance

is required for all candidates who are applying to be appointed to a USDA advisory committee or board by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Need and Use of the Information: The White House Liaison Office (WHLO) uses the AD-755 to collect information for the purpose of checking on the background of the nominees to make sure there are no delinquencies to USDA, as well as making sure they have no negative record that could be a negative reflection to the USDA or the Secretary including House and Senate Lobbyist checks.

Additionally, White House Liaison Office includes the AD-755 section for Race, Ethnicity and Gender (REG), veterans, and disability data collection. This data collection is optional but essential to ensure that USDA receives a demographic range of applicants for seats on agriculture related board and committees. Most boards require a specific number of seats for certain constituencies thus the collection of information such as race, ethnicity, and gender (REG), is imperative in the board and committee building process. Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) advisory committees must be fairly balanced in membership in terms of points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Therefore, this information will be utilized by the White House Liaison Office and the Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to determine the approach to outreach for all constituents while constructing each board or committee. If outreach is lower than desired, this information will help the WHLO increase the demographics of applicants and may require additional solicitations for additional outreach for boards and committees across the nation to have a greater pool of applicants.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,250.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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