

GIPSA Solicits Nominations for Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 9, 1998) -- USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is seeking nominations for five members and six alternate members to serve on its Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. The terms will begin in January 1999.

The Advisory Committee provides advice to the GIPSA Administrator on implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act. It is comprised of 15 members and 15 alternates, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, who represent the interests of grain producers, processors, handlers, merchandisers, consumers, exporters, and grain scientists. Committee members serve without compensation, but are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact: GIPSA, by telephone (202-720-0219), fax (202-205-9237), or electronic mail (mplaus@gipsadc.usda.gov) and request Form AD-755, which must be completed and submitted to GIPSA by fax or at the following address: GIPSA, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Stop 3601, Washington, D.C. 20250-3601. Form AD-755 must be received no later than December 3, 1998.

Nominations are open to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, or marital status. Membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with a demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to ensure that committee recommendations take into the account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA.

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