

USDA Seeks Members For Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON (August 23, 1999) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. Nominations are being sought for 5 members and 3 alternates, all of whom will begin serving their 3-year terms in March 2000.

The Committee is comprised of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, who represent all facets of the grain industry. The Committee meets twice annually to advise GIPSA on the establishment of programs and services under the U.S. Grain Standards Act that meet the needs of the Agency's customers. Committee members will address new challenges facing the Agency resulting from changes in the grain industry. For instance, biotechnology is reshaping many aspects of official grain inspection; input from the industry on this issue is critical. Members of the Committee serve without compensation; they are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation.

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 e-mail (mplaus@gipsadc.usda.gov) and request [Nomination Form AD-755](#). Completed nomination forms must be submitted to GIPSA by fax or in hard copy to: GIPSA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Form AD-755 must be received not later than October 22, 1999.

A notice to solicit nominees was published in today's Federal Register.

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