

USDA Seeks Members For Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced it seeks nominations for individuals to serve on the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee. Nominations are being sought for five members and five alternates, who will serve 3-year terms in March 2005.

The committee, whose members represent all facets of the grain industry, is comprised of 15 members and 15 alternates appointed by the secretary of agriculture. The committee meets twice annually to advise USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) on the programs and services it delivers under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Recommendations by the committee also helps GIPSA to better meet the needs of its customers, including new challenges facing the agency resulting from changes in the grain industry. Members of the committee serve without compensation, but 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.

Individuals interested in serving on the advisory committee or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact GIPSA, by telephone (202) 205-8281, by fax (202) 205-4714 or by e-mailing Terri.L.Henry@usda.gov and request Nomination Form AD-755.

Nomination forms also are available from the GIPSA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/advcommittee/ad755.pdf>. Completed nomination forms must be submitted to GIPSA by fax or in hard copy to GIPSA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Rm. 1093-S, Stop 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Form AD-755 must be received not later than Nov. 22. A notice to solicit nominees was published in the Sept. 21 *Federal Register*.

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