

GIPSA ANNOUNCES QUALITY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

WASHINGTON (January 9, 2006) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration will offer a training session called "Creating and Documenting a Quality Management System." Any interested party who is currently operating a grain, feed, seed, or associated agribusiness and using a quality management system, or who is developing a quality management system for review by USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service or Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) may participate in the training.

The training will cover ISO 9001:2000 and ISO Guide 65 quality systems, USDA's Process Verified Programs, and the AMS Quality System Assessment Program.

The 2-day training session will be held on February 1 and 2, 2006 at the GIPSA Technical Center, located near the Kansas City, Missouri, airport. Space for the session is limited and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

To participate in the training sessions, contact Beth Hayden at telephone 202-205-4007, or via email to Beth.E.Hayden@usda.gov.

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