

## GIPSA OFFICIAL DESIGNATION ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 26, 2008) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Iowa, Minnesota, and Texas. The entities will be designated to inspect and weigh grains based upon a comprehensive selection process.

GIPSA is asking for comments on those who have applied to provide official services in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area, which is comprised of northeast Iowa, southeast Minnesota, and east Texas. The applicants are Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc., which applied for the entire Cedar Rapids, Iowa area; South Texas Grain Inspection, LLC, which applied for the east Texas portion of the region; and Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., which applied for their current designation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Comments are due by April 25, 2008.

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