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 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Frankfort (IN) and
 Indianapolis (IN) Areas

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
 (GIPSA).**

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ACTION: Notice.

 SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort), will end February 28, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of Indianapolis Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis), will end March 31, 1998, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Frankfort and Indianapolis areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before October 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated Frankfort, main office located in Frankfort, Indiana, to provide official services under the Act on March 1, 1995. GIPSA designated Indianapolis, main office located in Indianapolis, Indiana, to provide official services under the Act on April 1, 1995.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Frankfort ends on February 28, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of Indianapolis ends on March 31, 1998, according to the Act.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Frankfort.

Bounded on the North by the northern Fulton County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Fulton County line south to State Route 19; State Route 19 south to State Route 114; State Route 114 southeast to the eastern Fulton and Miami County lines; the northern Grant County line east to County Highway 900E; County Highway 900E south to State Route 18; State Route 18 east to the Grant County line; the eastern and southern Grant County lines; the eastern Tipton County line; the eastern Hamilton County line south to State Route 32;

Bounded on the South by State Route 32 west to the Boone County line; the eastern and southern Boone County lines; the southern Montgomery County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western and northern Montgomery County lines; the western Clinton County line; the western Carroll County line north to State Route 25; State Route 25 northeast to Cass County; the western Cass and Fulton County lines.

Frankfort's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Frankfort's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.; The Andersons, Delphi, Carroll County; Buckeye Feed and Supply Company, Leiters Ford, Fulton County; and Cargill, Inc., Linden, Montgomery County.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Indianapolis.

Bartholomew; Brown; Hamilton, south of State Route 32; Hancock; Hendricks; Johnson; Madison, west of State Route 13 and south of State Route 132; Marion; Monroe; Morgan; and Shelby Counties.

Interested persons, including Frankfort and Indianapolis, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Frankfort area is for the period beginning March 1, 1998, and ending February 29, 2001. Designation in the Indianapolis area is for the period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending February 29, 2001. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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71 et seq.)

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Director, Compliance Division

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