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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration;
Solicitation of Nominations for Members of the **Grain Inspection**
Advisory Committee

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards** Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to solicit nominees.

SUMMARY: The **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards** Administration (GIPSA) is announcing that nominations are being sought for persons to serve on the Federal **Grain Inspection** Service Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under authority of section 20 of the United States **Grain** Standards Act (Act) Pub. L. 97-35, the Secretary of Agriculture established the Federal **Grain Inspection** Service (FGIS) Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) on September 29, 1981, to provide advice to the Administrator on implementation of the Act. Section 14(c) of the United States **Grain** Standards Act Amendments of 1993, Pub. L. 103-156, extended the authority for the Advisory Committee through September 30, 2000.

The Advisory Committee presently consists of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary, who represent the interests of **grain** producers, processors, handlers, merchandisers, consumers, and exporters, including scientists with expertise in research related to the policies in section 2 of the Act. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. They are reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, for travel away from their homes or regular places of business in performance of Committee service, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Alternatively, travel expenses may be paid by Committee members.

Nominations are being sought for persons to serve on the Advisory Committee to replace the five members and four alternate members whose terms expire in December 1997.

Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact: James R. Baker, Administrator, GIPSA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 3601, Washington, D.C. 20250-3601, in writing and request Form AD-755, which must be completed and submitted to the Administrator at the above address not later than December 9, 1997.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, or marital status. To ensure that recommendations of the committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The final selection of Advisory Committee members and alternates

will be made by the Secretary.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

James R. Baker,
Administrator.

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