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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Champaign (IL) and Enid (OK)
Areas

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

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 Champaign-Danville

Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign), will end May 31,
1998,
and the designation of Enid **Grain Inspection** Company, Inc. (Enid),
will
end June 30, 1998, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons
interested in providing official services in the Champaign and Enid
areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on
or before December 30, 1997.

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ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M.
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room
1647-
S, 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 Champaign, main office located in Champaign, Illinois, to provide official **inspection** services under the Act on June 1, 1995, and Enid, main office located in Enid, Oklahoma, to provide official **inspection** services under the Act on July 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 Champaign ends on May 31, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of Enid ends on June 30, 1998, according to the Act.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois and Indiana, is assigned to Champaign.

Bounded on the North by the northern Livingston County line from State Route 47; the eastern Livingston County line to the northern Ford County line; the northern Ford and Iroquois County lines east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line south to

U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 east to U.S. Route 41;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 41 south to the northern Parke County line; the northern Parke and Putnam County lines; the eastern Putnam, Owen and Greene County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Greene County line; the southern Sullivan County line west to U.S. Route 41 (150); U.S. Route

41 (150) south to U.S. Route 50; U.S. Route 50 west across the Indiana-Illinois State line to Illinois State Route 33; Illinois State Route 33

north and west to the Western Crawford County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Crawford and Clark County lines; the Southern Coles County line; the western Coles and Douglas County lines; the western Champaign County line north to Interstate 72; Interstate 72 southwest to the Piatt County line; the western Piatt County line; the southern McLean County line west to a point 10 miles

west of the western Champaign County line, from this point through Arrowsmith to Pontiac along a straight line running north and south which intersects with State Route 116; State Route 116 east to State Route 47; State Route 47 north to the northern Livingston County line.

The following **grain** elevators, all in Illinois, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Moultrie **Grain** Association, Cadwell, Moultrie County;

Tabor

Grain Company, McLain County F/S, and Pacific **Grain** Company, all in Farmer City, Dewitt County; and Monticello **Grain** Company, Monticello,

Piatt County (located inside Decatur **Grain Inspection**, Inc.'s, area).

Champaign's assigned geographic area does not include the following

grain elevators inside Champaign's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus **Grain**

Inspection, Inc.: Boswell **Grain** Company, Boswell, Benton County, Indiana; Dunn **Grain**, Dunn, Benton County, Indiana; York Richland **Grain**

Elevator, Inc., Earl Park, Benton County, Indiana; and Raub **Grain** Company, Raub, Benton County, Indiana.

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

Adair, Alfalfa, Atoka, Blaine, Bryan, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Cleveland, Coal, Comanche, Cotton, Craig, Creek, Custer, Delaware, Dewey, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Haskell, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnston, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Latimer, Le Flore, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, McCurtain, McIntosh, Major, Marshall, Mayes, Murray, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Rogers, Seminole, Sequoyah, Stephens, Tillman, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, Washita, Woods, and Woodward Counties.

Interested persons, including Champaign and Enid, 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 Champaign area is for the period beginning June 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001. Designation in the Enid area is for the period beginning July 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 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.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

Dated: November 21, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.

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