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Farm and Foreign
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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service
Agency

Subject: Notice to Woven Polypropylene Bag Suppliers on Applying HUBZone Set-Aside Regulations

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Commodity Office
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Effective immediately, acquisitions exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT), \$100,000, will be set-aside exclusively for competition restricted to eligible HUBZone small business concerns in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 19.13.

In the event this office is unable to purchase the entire quantity required or at fair and reasonable prices, as prescribed by FAR, the remainder of the procurement will be obtained through a supplemental invitation using total small business set-aside procedures.

Acquisitions that are anticipated to be under the SAT will continue to be advertised as total small business set-asides.

Please contact Todd Shuck, Chief, Inventory Management Branch, Bulk Commodities Division, at 816-823-1114, if you have questions regarding this notice.

/s/

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Director