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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Subject: Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System

As stated in Notice to the Trade (BCD-59, DDOD-153 and EOD-130) dated September 23, 2003, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) is in the process of implementing the CCR.

The Final Rule was released and effective beginning October 1, 2003.

Vendors doing business with USDA are required to register in the CCR before being awarded contracts, blanket agreements, blanket purchase agreements or basic ordering agreements. Payments to contractors will also be dependent upon completion of the CCR. When contracts are assigned pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation, Assignment of Claims provision (FAR 32.8), the assignee must be registered in the CCR database for the purpose of processing payments. However, the assignee is not required to register prior to the contract award.

Existing contracts awarded prior to October 1, 2003, will be modified to require that vendors register in the CCR database.

Specific information on CCR may be viewed on the CCR website at <http://www.ccr.gov>.

Please direct any inquiries relating to implementation of CCR to the appropriate KCCO Marketing Specialist.

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