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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[05-A-W]

Designation of Eastern Iowa To Provide Class X or Class Y Weighing Services

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc., (Eastern Iowa) to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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.

In the March 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 9572), GIPSA announced the designation of Eastern Iowa to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective April 1, 2004, and ending March 31, 2007. Subsequently, Eastern Iowa asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official weighing services. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to perform official weighing to an agency providing official inspection services within a specified

geographic area, if such agency is qualified under section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act, and determined that Eastern Iowa is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area.

Effective January 1, 2005, and terminating March 31, 2007 (the end of Eastern Iowa's designation to provide official inspection services), Eastern Iowa's present designation is amended to include Class X or Class Y weighing within their assigned geographic area, as specified in the September 2, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 52178). Official services may be obtained by contacting Eastern Iowa at 563-322-7149.

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

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Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[04-03-S]

Designation for the Owensboro (KY), Bloomington (IL), Iowa Falls (IA), Minnesota, Fargo (ND), Grand Forks (ND), and Plainview (TX) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton); Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois); Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa); Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota); North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota); Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Northern Plains); and Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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.

In the September 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 53404), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 1, 2004.

Barton, Central Illinois, Central Iowa, North Dakota, Northern Plains, and Plainview were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

There were three applicants for the Minnesota area: Minnesota, and Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City), both currently designated official agencies; and Kathleen Duea proposing to do business as Southern Minnesota Grain Inspection (Southern Minnesota). Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Sioux City applied for all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine. Southern Minnesota applied for all or part of the area currently assigned to Minnesota, and specified all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Martin, Murray, Nobles, and Watonwan.

GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for providing service in the Minnesota area in the December 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 69884). Comments were due by January 3, 2005. GIPSA received one favorable comment supporting Sioux City from a customer in Minnesota.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Barton, Central Illinois, Central Iowa, North Dakota, Northern Plains, and Plainview are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the

September 1, 2004, **Federal Register**, for which they applied; and that Minnesota is better able to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the September 1, 2004, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official inspection services are effective April 1, 2005, and terminate March 31, 2008, for Barton,

Central Illinois, Central Iowa, North Dakota, Northern Plains, and Plainview. Minnesota is designated for 18 months only, effective April 1, 2005, and terminating September 30, 2006, to allow GIPSA to further evaluate their program. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

| Official agency | Headquarters location and telephone | Designation start–end |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Barton | Owensboro, KY 270–683–0616; Additional location: Jeffersonville, IN | 4/1/2005–3/31/2008 |
| Central Illinois | Bloomington, IN 309–827–7121; Additional location: Pekin, IL | 4/1/2005–3/31/2008 |
| Central Iowa | Iowa Falls, IA 641–648–3467; Additional location: Des Moines | 4/1/2005–3/31/2008 |
| Minnesota | St. Paul, MN 612–341–7190; Additional locations: Breckenridge, Duluth, Granite Falls, Mankato, Morris, Windom. | 4/1/2005–9/30/2006 |
| North Dakota | Fargo, ND 701–293–7420; Additional locations: Ayr, Cahokia, Enderlin, Hillsboro, Taylor, Teutopolis, Wayne City. | 4/1/2005–3/31/2008 |
| Northern Plains | Grand Forks, ND 701–772–2414; Additional location: Devils Lake | 4/1/2005–3/31/2008 |
| Plainview | Plainview, TX 806–293–1364 | 4/1/2005–3/31/2008 |

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[05–01–A]

Opportunity for Designation in the Aberdeen (SD), Decatur (IL), Hastings (NE), McCrea (IA), Missouri, South Carolina, and Wisconsin Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in September 2005. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen); Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur); Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings); John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea); Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri); South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina); and Wisconsin Department of

Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Wisconsin).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690–2755, attention: Janet M. Hart.
- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.
- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3604.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202–720–8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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 United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (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.

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.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal. For Aberdeen, main office in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Decatur, main office in Decatur, Illinois; Hastings, main office in Hastings, Nebraska; McCrea, main office in Clinton, Iowa; Missouri, main office in Jefferson City; and South Carolina, main office in Columbia; the current designations started October 1, 2002 and will end September 30, 2005. For Wisconsin, main office in Madison, the current designation started October 30, 2004 and will end September 30, 2005.

a. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of North Dakota and South Dakota, is assigned to Aberdeen.

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 12 east to State Route 22; State Route 22 north to the Burlington-Northern (BN) line; the Burlington-Northern (BN) line east to State Route 21; State Route 21 east to State Route 49; State Route 49 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 east and north to McIntosh County; the northern McIntosh County line east to Dickey County; the northern Dickey County line east to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east;