

Andersons, Delphi, Carroll County; Frick Services, Inc., Leiters Ford, Fulton County; and Cargill, Inc., Linden, Montgomery County (located inside Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including East Indiana, Fremont, State Grain, and Titus, may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)), and 9 CFR 800.196(d) regulations. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2010. To apply for designation, contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

Request for Comments

We are also publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services provided by the East Indiana, Fremont, State Grain, and Titus official agencies. In the designation process, we will consider substantive comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to the Compliance Division at the above address.

In determining which applicant will be designated, we will consider applications, comments, and other available information.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Sacramento (CA), Frankfort (IN), Indianapolis (IN), and Virginia Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA): California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd. (California Agri); Frankfort Grain

Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort); Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis); and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the June 16, 2006, **Federal Register** (71 FR 34882-34883), we requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above. Applications were due by July 14, 2006.

There were two applicants for the Sacramento area: California Agri and Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); both are currently designated official agencies. Mid-Iowa withdrew its application. Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia 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.

We evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 16, 2006, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. You may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start—end
California Agri ...	West Sacramento, CA, (916) 375-5809.	1/01/2007-12/31/2009
Frankfort	Frankfort, IN, (765) 258-3624.	1/01/2007-12/31/2009
Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN, (317) 899-2337.	1/01/2007-12/31/2009
Virginia	Richmond, VA, (757) 494-2464.	1/01/2007-12/31/2009

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of grants of up to \$50,000 per application from the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program for fiscal year (FY) 2007, to be competitively awarded. For multi-State projects, grant funds of up to \$150,000 will be available on a competitive basis. The awards are being capped due to limited funding. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final appropriations bill, which may or may not provide for funding this program, to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, submit applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within the current fiscal year. The Agency will publish a subsequent notice identifying the amount received in the appropriations, if any.

DATES: The deadline for the receipt of non-earmarked applications in the Rural Development State Office is March 30, 2007. If the RBOG appropriation provides earmarks for Native American, Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnerships, then those applications must be received in the Rural Development State Office by January 31, 2007. The Agency reserves the right to extend this application deadline. If no earmark is provided in the appropriations, applications from these applicants will compete in the March 30, 2007, competition. Any applications received at a Rural Development State Office after these dates would not be considered for FY 2007 funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Mason, Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, STOP 3225, Room 6866, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: (202) 690-1433.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive copies of the application package. Potential applicants located in the District of Columbia must send their applications to the National Office at:

District of Columbia

USDA Rural Development, Specialty Lenders Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6867, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225, (202) 720-1400.

A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Centre, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400/TDD (334) 279-3495.

Alaska

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Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200/TDD (501) 301-3279.

California

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Iowa

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Kansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1303 S.W. First American Place, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66604-4040, (785) 271-2700/TDD (785) 271-2767.

Kentucky

USDA Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224-7300/TDD (859) 224-7422.

Louisiana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7921/TDD (318) 473-7655.

Maine

USDA Rural Development State Office, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, P.O. Box 405, Bangor, ME 04402-0405, (207) 990-9160/TDD (207) 942-7331.

Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut

USDA Rural Development State Office, 451 West Street, Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002-2999, (413) 253-4300/TDD (413) 253-4590.

Michigan

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-5190/TDD (517) 324-5169.

Minnesota

USDA Rural Development State Office, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 410, St. Paul, MN 55101-1853, (651) 602-7800/TDD (651) 602-3799.

Mississippi

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 West

Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965-4316/TDD (601) 965-5850.

Missouri

USDA Rural Development State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876-0976/TDD (573) 876-9480.

Montana

USDA Rural Development State Office, 900 Technology Boulevard, Suite B, P.O. Box 850, Bozeman, MT 59771, (406) 585-2580/TDD (406) 585-2562.

Nebraska

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437-5551/TDD (402) 437-5093.

Nevada

USDA Rural Development State Office, 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703-5146, (775) 887-1222/TDD (775) 885-0633.

New Jersey

USDA Rural Development State Office, 8000 Midlantic Drive, 5th Floor North, Suite 500, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, (856) 787-7700/TDD (856) 787-7784.

New Mexico

USDA Rural Development State Office, 6200 Jefferson Street NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761-4950/TDD (505) 761-4938.

New York

USDA Rural Development State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202-2541, (315) 477-6400/TDD (315) 477-6447.

North Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 873-2000/TDD (919) 873-2003.

North Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, P.O. Box 1737, Bismarck, ND 58502-1737, (701) 530-2037/TDD (701) 530-2113.

Ohio

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-2418, (614) 255-2400/TDD (614) 255-2554.

Oklahoma

USDA Rural Development State Office,
100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK
74074-2654, (405) 742-1000/TDD
(405) 742-1007.

Oregon

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801,
Portland, OR 97232, (503) 414-3300/
TDD (503) 414-3387.

Pennsylvania

USDA Rural Development State Office,
One Credit Union Place, Suite 330,
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2996, (717)
237-2299/TDD (717) 237-2261.

Puerto Rico

USDA Rural Development State Office,
IBM Building, Suite 601, 654 Munos
Rivera Avenue, San Juan, PR 00918-
6106, (787) 766-5095/TDD (787) 766-
5332.

South Carolina

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Strom Thurmond Federal Building,
1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007,
Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765-5163/
TDD (803) 765-5697.

South Dakota

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Room 210, 200
Fourth Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350,
(605) 352-1100/TDD (605) 352-1147.

Tennessee

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300,
Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-
1300.

Texas

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, Suite 102, 101
South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254)
742-9700/TDD (254) 742-9712.

Utah

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building,
125 South State Street, Room 4311,
Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0350, (801)
524-4320/TDD (801) 524-3309.

Vermont/New Hampshire

USDA Rural Development State Office,
City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street,
Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-
6000/TDD (802) 223-6365.

Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 238,
Richmond, VA 23229-5014, (804)
287-1550/TDD (804) 287-1753.

Washington

USDA Rural Development State Office,
1835 Black Lake Boulevard SW., Suite
B, Olympia, WA 98512-5715, (360)
704-7740/TDD (360) 704-7760.

West Virginia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Federal Building, 75 High Street,
Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505-
7500, (304) 284-4860/TDD (304) 284-
4836.

Wisconsin

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point,
WI 54481, (715) 345-7600/TDD (715)
345-7614.

Wyoming

USDA Rural Development State Office,
100 East B, Federal Building, Room
1005, P.O. Box 11005, Casper, WY
82602-5006, (307) 233-6700/TDD
(307) 233-6733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RBOG program is authorized under section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(11)). The Rural Development State Offices administer the RBOG program on behalf of USDA Rural Development at the State level. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include technical assistance for business development and economic development planning. To ensure that a broad range of communities have the opportunity to benefit from the program, no grant will exceed \$50,000, unless it is a multi-State project where funds may not exceed \$150,000. There is no project dollar amount limitation on applications for earmarked funds. Awards are made on a competitive basis using specific selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G. Information required to be in the application package are contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G. The State Director may assign up to 15 discretionary points to an application, and the Agency Administrator may assign up to 20 additional discretionary points for projects funded from the national office reserve. Discretionary points awarded by the State Director or Administrator must be based on geographic distribution of funds, special importance for implementation of a strategic plan in partnership with other organizations, or extraordinary potential for success due to superior project plans or qualifications of the grantee. Applications will be tentatively scored

by the State Offices and submitted to the National Office for final review and selection.

The National Office will review the scores based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G. All applicants will be notified by RBS of the Agency's decision on the awards.

Application Requirements

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications through the Grants.gov Web site at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications may be submitted in either electronic or paper format. Users of Grants.gov will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it off line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. Applications may not be submitted by electronic mail.

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site as well as the hours of operation. USDA Rural Development strongly recommends that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov. To use Grants.gov, applicants must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711.

- You may submit all documents electronically through the Web site, including all information typically included on the application for RBOGs and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.

- USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.

- If applicants experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the deadline, you may submit a paper copy of your application to your respective Rural Development State Office. Paper applications submitted to a Rural Development State Office must meet the closing date and local time deadline.

Please note that applicants must locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.fedgrants.gov>.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information

collection requirement contained in this Notice is approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0024.

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Dated: December 1, 2006.

William F. Hagy III,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Maximum Dollar Amount on Awards Under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2007

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service, an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, hereby announces the maximum dollar amount on loan and grant awards under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program for fiscal year (FY) 2007. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final appropriations bill, which may or may not provide funding for these programs, to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, submit applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within the current fiscal year. The awards made as a result of this

notice are effective for loans and grants made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006, and ending September 30, 2007. REDLG loans and grants are available to any electric or telecommunications cooperative (borrower) under the Rural Electrification Act that does not have any delinquent debt with the Federal Government that has not been resolved pursuant to 31 CFR 285.13. REDLG loans and grants are to assist in economically developing rural areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd S. Hubbell, Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, STOP 3225, Room 6866, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: (202) 690-2516, FAX: (202) 720-2213.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the application package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

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