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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0038]

The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The full Committee consists of 16-18 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term.

DATES: The names of the nominees and their typed curricula vitae or resumes must be postmarked no later than January 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted by e-mail to NACMPI@fsis.usda.gov, or by mail to Mr. Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, in care of Faye Smith, Room 1175-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, or by fax to (202) 720-5704.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Smith, Public Affairs Specialist, Congressional and Public Affairs Office, FSIS, telephone (202) 205-3826; Fax (202) 720-5704; e-mail faye.smith@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, USDA is seeking nominees for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 301(a)(3),

and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c), and to sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e). Nominations for membership are being sought from persons representing industry, academia, State and local government officials, public health organizations, and consumers and consumer organizations.

Nomination materials including the names of the nominees and their typed curricula vitae or resumes, must be submitted to the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information, is available on-line in Word and PDF format at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_FSIS/NACMPI_Nominations/index.asp.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least twice annually.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2008_Notices_Index/. FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page.

Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on December 19, 2008.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Announcement for the 2009 U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, (NUCFAC), is charged, by law, to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on urban forestry related issues and opportunities. Part of the Council's role is to recommend the criteria for the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry, (U&CF) Challenge Cost Share Grant Program.

NUCFAC has revised their criteria for the U.S. Forest Service's U&CF Challenge Cost Share Grant Program for 2009. The new U&CF Challenge Cost Share Grant Program will be solicited in two categories: Innovation grants and Best Practices grants. At total anticipated amount of one million dollars will be divided in half between the two categories.

Innovation Grants

Innovation grants, are to focus on one of the Council's identified priority issues confronting the UC&F