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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on December 15, 2008 at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 15, 2008, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include:

- Committee operations.
- Status and updates on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Regional Plan and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Forest Plan Revision.
- Status of two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) which includes the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and TRPA, and the Forest Service and TRPA on hazardous fuels and vegetation projects.
- Post Angora fire restoration efforts.
- Status of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) reauthorization.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments attention Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.

If you have questions concerning special needs for this public meeting, or to request sign language interpretation, contact Linda Lind, no later than December 8, 2008 at (530) 543-2787 or TTY (530) 543-0956, or via e-mail at LLind@fs.fed.us.

Dated: November 24, 2008.

Terri Marceron,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Unassigned Areas of East Texas

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the unassigned areas of east Texas.

- Central Illinois Grain Inspection d/ b/a Lone Star Grain Inspection (Central Illinois).
 - Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf Country).
- DATE:** Comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before December 31, 2008.
- ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on these applicants by any of the following methods:
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
 - *Fax:* (202) 690-2755 to the attention of Karen Guagliardo.
 - *E-mail:* Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

- *Mail:* Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- *Internet:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments and reading any comments posted online.

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: Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@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 29, 2008, **Federal Register** (73 FR 56546), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the unassigned areas of east Texas to submit applications for designation.

There were two applicants for the east Texas area: Central Illinois, doing business as Lone Star Grain Inspection, applied for the entire area. Gulf Country, a corporation not currently designated and owned by Tyrone Robichaux, Richard Maynard, Pat LaCour, and Dan Williams, applied for the entire area.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data in support of or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and will notify the applicants in writing of the decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

Alan Christian,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Alabama; Essex, IL; Springfield, IL; Savage, MN; and Washington Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA or Act): Alabama Department of Agriculture and

Industries (Alabama); Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee); Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield); State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State Grain); and Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington).

DATES: Effective January 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Karen Guagliardo, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Guagliardo at 202–720–7312, e-mail *Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov*.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the June 2, 2008, **Federal Register** (73 FR 31431), GIPSA requested applications for designations to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to the

official agencies named above. Applications were due by July 1, 2008.

Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State Grain, and Washington were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the areas currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State Grain and Washington are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 2, 2008, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective January 1, 2009, and terminate December 31, 2011, for Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State Grain, and Washington.

Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Alabama	Montgomery, AL, 251–438–2549; Additional Locations: Decatur and Mobile, AL	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
Kankakee	Essex, IL, 815–365–2268; Additional Location: Tiskilwa, IL	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
Springfield	Springfield, IL, 217–522–5233	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
State Grain	Savage, MN, 952–808–8566	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
Washington	Olympia, WA, 360–753–1484; Additional Locations: Colfax, Kalama, Pasco, Se-attle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver, WA.	1/1/2009	12/31/2011

Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA 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 (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)(1)).

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

Alan Christian,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Topeka, KS; Cedar Rapids, IA; Minot, ND; and Cincinnati, OH, 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 on June 30, 2009. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit applications for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies:

Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Kansas);

Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa);

Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. (Minot); and

Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Tri-State).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before January 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: GIPSA invites you to submit applications and comments on this notice by any of the following methods:

- To apply for designation, go to “FGISonline” at https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx then select Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR). You will need a USDA e-authentication, username, password, and a customer number prior to applying.

- Hand Delivery or Courier:* Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

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