



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES



Dear Colleague,

The Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) are pleased to announce their intent to establish a Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) and to invite nominations for the Committee. Enclosed is a copy of the *Federal Register* notice, published April 10, 2008, that requested the nomination of potential Committee members.

The Committee, once chartered, will determine if a revision of the 2005 edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is warranted, based on a thorough evaluation of the most current scientific and applied literature and, if so, will proceed to develop recommendations for these revisions in an advisory report to the Secretaries of USDA and HHS. The Committee is expected to begin meeting in September of 2008 and will hold two- to three-day meetings, four, possibly five, times over the course of its appointment. The DGAC will issue its report to the Secretaries during the Spring of 2010.

Prospective members of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee should be knowledgeable of current scientific research in human nutrition and be respected and published experts in their fields. They should be familiar with the purpose, communication, and application of the *Dietary Guidelines* and have demonstrated interest in the public's health and well-being through their research and/or educational endeavors.

Expertise is sought in specific specialty areas, including but not limited to, the prevention of chronic diseases (e.g., cancer, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis.), energy balance (including physical activity), epidemiology, food safety and technology, general medicine, gerontology, nutrient bioavailability, nutrition biochemistry and physiology, nutrition education, pediatrics, public health, and evidence review methodology.

Please submit nominations by close of business on May 24, 2008, as instructed in the attached *Federal Register* notice. Nominations may be submitted by electronic mail to DG2010Nominations@cnpp.usda.gov. Alternatively, nominations may be sent to Carole Davis, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302, (703) 305-7600 (telephone), (703) 305-3300 (fax).

Sincerely,

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