

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 22.

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Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service will hold a workshop entitled "Cellulose Nanomaterial—A Path Towards Commercialization" on May 20–21, 2014 in collaboration with and co-sponsored by the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI). The workshop is intended to bring together executives and experts from the federal government, academia, and private sector to identify critical information gaps that need to be filled and technical barriers that need to be overcome to enable the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials. Workshop presenters and participants will identify pathways for the commercialization of cellulosic nanomaterials and the workshop will facilitate communication across multiple industry sectors; between users and cellulose nanomaterials producers; and among government, academia and industry to determine common challenges. An important goal of the workshop is to identify the critical information gaps and technical barriers in the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials from the perspective of nanocellulose user communities. The outcomes of the workshop are expected to be used to guide federal government and private sector investments in nanocellulose research and development. The workshop also supports the announcement last December by USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack regarding the formation of a public private-partnership to rapidly advance the commercialization of cellulose nanomaterials. The USDA announcement can be found at: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2013%2F12%2F0235.xml>.

This workshop also supports the goals of the NNI Sustainable Nanomanufacturing Signature Initiative.

DATES: The Workshop will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the USDA Conference & Training Center, Patriots Plaza III, 355 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Cheryl David-Fordyce at National Nanotechnology Coordination Office, by telephone 703-292-2424 or email cdavid@nnco.nano.gov. Additional information about the meeting, including the agenda, is posted at <http://www.nano.gov/NCworkshop>.

Registration: Registration opens on March 17, 2014 at <http://www.nano.gov/NCworkshop>. Due to space limitations, pre-registration for the workshop is required. Written notices of participation by email should be sent to cdavid@nnco.nano.gov or mailed to Cheryl David-Fordyce, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II, Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230. Please provide your full name, title, affiliation and email or mailing address when registering. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached. Written or electronic comments should be submitted by email to cdavid@nnco.nano.gov until close of business April 30, 2014.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should contact Cheryl David-Fordyce 703-292-2424 at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: March 6, 2014.

Theodore H. Wegner,
Assistant Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Unassigned Areas of Southeast Texas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in unassigned areas of Southeast Texas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications and comments must be received by April 18, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments concerning this Notice using any of the following methods:

- **Applying for Designation on the Internet:** Use FGISonline (https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx) and then click on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an FGISonline customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.

- **Submit Comments Using the Internet:** Go to Regulations.gov (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site.

- **Mail, Courier or Hand Delivery:** Dexter Thomas, Acting Chief of Staff, USDA, GIPSA, OA, Room 2055-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- **Fax:** Dexter Thomas, 202-205-9237.

- **Email:** R.Dexter.Thomas@usda.gov.

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(c)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dexter Thomas, 202-720-6529 or R.Dexter.Thomas@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA previously announced an opportunity for designation in unassigned areas of Southeast Texas in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2013 (78 FR 59647). Applications were due by October 28, 2013. GIPSA received seven comments, representing five grain companies and two trade associations. All commenters supported Gulf Country Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf Country) designation for the geographical area announced in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2013. Five commenters specifically recommended that Gulf Country's designation be expanded to include the Rio Grande Valley geographical area in South Texas. Two of those five commenters stated that Gulf Country could provide an equal or greater level of service at a better cost than GIPSA. Accordingly, GIPSA is announcing the opportunity for designation for unassigned areas of Southeast Texas including additional geographical area in South Texas.

Section 79(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) authorizes the Secretary 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)). Under section 79(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for three years unless terminated by the Secretary, but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

Areas Open for Designation

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following unassigned area is available for designation.

In Texas

Bounded on the north by northern Lampasas, Coryell, McLennan, Limestone, Freestone, Anderson, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, and Sabine County Line east to the Texas State Line;

Bounded on the east by the Eastern Texas State Line.

Bounded on the south by the Southern Texas State Line.

Bounded on the west by the western Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Duval, McMullen, Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Blanco, Burnet and Lampasas County Lines.

Excludes export port locations serviced by GIPSA's League City Field Office, Beaumont Sub-office, and Corpus Christi Duty Point.

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 79(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for a period of no more than three years and will be concurrent with any existing designation. To apply for designation or for more information, contact Dexter Thomas at the address listed above or visit GIPSA's Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

Request for Comments

In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the

designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to Dexter Thomas at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicant will be designated.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that orientation and planning meetings of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on Friday, April 18, 2014, at 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425. The purpose of the orientation meeting is to review the rules of operation for the Advisory Committee. The purpose of the planning meeting is for the newly appointed Advisory Committee to consider potential civil rights topics for examination and to plan future activities.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by Monday, May, 19, 2014. Comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376–7548, or emailed to Melanie Reingardt at ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at 202–376–7533.

Persons needing accessibility services should contact the Eastern Regional Office at least 10 working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

The meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated: March 14, 2014.

David Mussatt,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE [03/06/2014 through 03/13/2014]

| Firm name | Firm address | Date accepted for investigation | Product(s) |
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| Ultimate Machining & Engineering, Inc. | 14015 S. Van Dyke Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544. | 3/7/2014 | The firm manufacturers' precision machined metal parts such as hydraulic and pneumatic valves. |
| Bigston Corporation | 1590 Touhy Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. | 3/13/2014 | The firm manufacturers' electronic assemblies including speakers for the electronics device industry. |