DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Anchor Industries, Inc. of Evansville, Indiana and to Weckworth Manufacturing, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas, co-exclusive licenses to the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,921,388 (S.N. 09/199,610) issued on July 13, 1999, entitled "Quick Deployment Fire Shelter" and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/286,176, filed November 1, 2002, entitled "Radiant and Convective Heat Resistant Materials and Emergency Fire Shelter Made Therefrom", and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/741,794, filed December 19, 2003, entitled "An Emergency Fire Shelter Storage System" and foreign equivalents. Notice of availability for U.S. Patent No. 5,921,388 (S.N. 09/199,610) was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1999.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Janet I. Stockhausen, USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53705–2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: 608–231–9502; fax: 608–231–9508; or e-mail: jstockhausen@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Weckworth Manufacturing, Inc. and Anchor Industries, Inc. have submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royaltybearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service

receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator. [FR Doc. 04–14095 Filed 6–21–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–03–P

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AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federally owned invention disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/767,979, "Food Products Containing Partially and/or Totally Denatured Milk Proteins", filed on January 29, 2004, is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Harden Foods of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, an exclusive license to this invention.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Harden Foods of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Request for Comments on Whether the Food Stamp Program Should Be Renamed

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service,

USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites the general public to comment on whether the Food Stamp Program (FSP) should be renamed to more accurately describe its current method of operation and goal of providing nutritional assistance and promoting health among low-income families. The Department and many stakeholders involved with the FSP believe that the Program's name is outdated because "food stamps" have not been used for issuing benefits since the early 1940s. Today, all benefits are issued electronically through an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system. Additionally, many States that administer the Federally-funded Program have asked the Department to rename the Program in consideration of its purpose and in recognition of the benefit issuance system. Although outdated, the Program's name is widely known and changing it may create confusion. Recognizing these different perspectives, the Department intends to proceed with care before making a decision on a name change by requesting public comment.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to John Knaus, Chief, Program Design Branch, Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be faxed to (703) 305-2486 or e-mailed to john.knaus@fns.usda.gov. All written comments will be open for public inspection at the offices of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302, Room 810.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this notice may be