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Olympia, WA; 360-902-1921,  
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WA, Vancouver, WA  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers And  
Stockyards Administration**

[05-B-W]

**Designation of Columbus (OH) to  
Provide Class X or Class Y Weighing  
Services**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and  
Stockyards Administration, (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the  
designation of Columbus Grain  
Inspection, Inc. (Columbus), to provide  
Class X or Class Y weighing services  
under the United States Grain Standards  
Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M.  
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance  
Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S,  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525, e-mail  
[Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov](mailto:Janet.M.Hart@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 December 1, 2004, **Federal  
Register** (69 FR9883), GIPSA announced  
the designation of Columbus to provide  
official inspection services under the  
Act, effective January 1, 2005, and  
ending December 31, 2007.  
Subsequently, Columbus asked GIPSA  
to amend their designation to include

official weighing services. Section  
7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's  
Administrator to designate authority to  
perform official weighing to an agency  
providing official inspection services  
within a specified geographic area, if  
such agency is qualified under section  
7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated  
all available information regarding the  
designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A)  
of the Act, and determined that  
Columbus is qualified to provide official  
weighing services in their currently  
assigned geographic area.

Effective October 1, 2005, and  
terminating December 31, 2007 (the end  
of Columbus's designation to provide  
official inspection services), Columbus's  
present designation is amended to  
include Class X or Class Y weighing  
within their assigned geographic area, as  
specified in the June 1, 2004, **Federal  
Register** (69FR 30869). Official services  
may be obtained by contacting  
Columbus at 740-474-3519.

**Authority:** Pub.L. 94-582, 90Stat. 2867, as  
amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and  
Stockyards Administration**

[05-04-A]

**Opportunity for Designation in the  
Topeka (KS), Minot (ND), Lake Village  
(IN), and Cincinnati (OH) Areas,  
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 in  
June 2006. Grain Inspection, Packers  
and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)  
is asking persons interested in providing  
official services in the areas served by  
these agencies to submit an application  
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); Minot Grain  
Inspection, Inc. (Minot); Schneider  
Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider); and  
Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc.  
(Tri-State).

**DATES:** Applications and comments  
must be received by January 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit  
applications and comments on this  
notice. You may submit applications  
and comments by any of the following  
methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to  
Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch,  
Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA,  
Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence  
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission  
to (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M.  
Hart.

- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to  
[Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov](mailto:Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov).

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M.  
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance  
Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604,  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20250-3604.

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)).

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Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail  
[Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov](mailto:Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov).

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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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States  
Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act),  
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.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides  
that designations of official agencies  
shall terminate not later than triennially  
and may be renewed according to the  
criteria and procedures prescribed in  
Section 7(f) of the Act.

**1. Current Designations Being  
Announced for Renewal**

For Kansas, main office in Topeka,  
Kansas; Minot, main office in Minot,  
North Dakota; and Tri-State, main office  
in Cincinnati, Ohio; the current  
designations started July 1, 2003, and  
will end June 30, 2006. For Schneider,  
main office in Lake Village, Indiana; the  
current one year designation started July  
1, 2005, and will end June 30, 2006.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Kansas .....	Topeka, KS .....	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
Minot .....	Minot, ND .....	07/01/2003	06/30/2006
Schneider .....	Lake Village, IN .....	07/01/2005	06/30/2006
Tri-State .....	Cincinnati, OH .....	07/01/2003	06/30/2006

a. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming, is assigned to Kansas.

The entire State of Colorado.

The entire State of Kansas.

In Nebraska:

Bounded on the North by the northern Scotts Bluff County line; the northern Morrill County line east to Highway 385;

Bounded on the East by Highway 385 south to the northern Cheyenne County line; the northern and eastern Cheyenne County lines; the northern and eastern Deuel County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Kimball, Banner, and Scotts Bluff County lines.

Goshen, Laramie, and Platt Counties, Wyoming.

Kansas' assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Kansas' area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc.: Farmers Coop, and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska.

b. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of North Dakota, is assigned to Minot.

Bounded on the North by the North Dakota State line east to the eastern Bottineau County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Bottineau County line south to the northern Pierce County line; the northern Pierce County line east to State Route 3; State Route 3 south to State Route 200;

Bounded on the South by State Route 200 west to State Route 41; State Route 41 south to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 northwest to State Route 200; State Route 200 west to U.S. Route 85; U.S. Route 85 south to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 west to the North Dakota State line; and

Bounded on the West by the North Dakota State line.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Benson Quinn Company, Underwood, and

Falkirk Farmers Elevator, Washburn, both in McLean County; and Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, Wells County (located inside Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

c. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, is assigned to Schneider.

In Illinois and Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Will County line from Interstate 57 east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line north to the northern Lake County line; the northern Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Elkhart County lines; the eastern Marshall County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Marshall and Starke County lines; the eastern Jasper County line south-southwest to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to Indiana State Route 55; Indiana State Route 55 south to the Newton County line; the southern Newton County line west to U.S. Route 41; U.S. Route 41 north to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to the Indiana-Illinois State line; and

Bounded on the West by the Indiana-Illinois State line north to Kankakee County; the southern Kankakee County line west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 north to Interstate 57; Interstate 57 north to the northern Will County line.

Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan.

Schneider's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Schneider's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

d. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, is assigned to Tri-State.

Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Rush (south of State Route 244), and Switzerland Counties, Indiana.

Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Campbell, Clark, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Lewis (west of State Route 59), Mason, Montgomery, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton, and Robertson Counties, Kentucky.

In Ohio:

Bounded on the North by the northern Preble County line east; the western and northern Miami County lines east to State Route 296; State Route 296 east to

State Route 560; State Route 560 south to the Clark County line; the northern Clark County line east to U.S. Route 68;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 68 south to U.S. Route 22; U.S. Route 22 east to State Route 73; State Route 73 southeast to the Adams County line; the eastern Adams County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Hamilton County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Hamilton, Butler, and Preble County lines.

## 2. Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including Kansas, Minot, Schneider, and Tri-State, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2009. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, [www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm](http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm).

## 3. Request for Comments

GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services for the Kansas, Minot, Schneider, and Tri-State official agencies. Substantive comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants will be considered in the designation process. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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