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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform

Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, authorized by Executive Order 13531, dated February 18, 2010, announces the following meetings for the remainder of calendar 2010:

Time and Date:

Wednesday, May 26, 9 a.m.–11:30 p.m. EDT.

Wednesday, June 30, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EDT.

Wednesday, July 28, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EDT.

Wednesday, September 29, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EDT.

Wednesday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EST.

Wednesday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EST.

Place: The meetings will be held in Washington, DC at locations to be determined and announced. The meeting address will be made publicly available approximately two weeks prior to each meeting on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.fiscalcommission.gov>.

Public Access: The meetings will be open to the public, but seating will be limited by the space available. If you would like to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Commission, please RSVP to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Bruce Reed, at commission@fc.eop.gov. Registrations will be accepted until the space has reached capacity.

Purpose: This notice announces the monthly meetings of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (Commission). At these meetings the Commission will discuss

the Nation's long-term fiscal challenges. Additionally, the Commission will receive updates from its three subcommittees: Mandatory Spending Working Group, Discretionary Spending Working Group, and Tax Reform Working Group. A more complete agenda and any meeting materials will be made publicly available prior to each meeting at <http://www.fiscalcommission.gov>. Also, each meeting will be available via simultaneous webcast at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.

Contact Person for Additional Information: Please contact Bruce Reed for any additional information about a specific meeting at commission@fc.eop.gov.

Public Comment: If you would like to submit written comments for distribution prior to the meeting, your comments should be received by the Commission no later than 10 days prior to the meeting concerned. The preferred written comment format is MS Word submitted to commission@fc.eop.gov.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, please inform the DFO at commission@fc.eop.gov as soon as possible.

Dated: May 5, 2010.

Bruce Reed,

Executive Director of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

Agency Information Collection Activities; Current Collection: Comment Request—Innovations for Healthy Kids Challenge To Promote the Open Government Initiative; Correction

AGENCY: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion published a document in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2010,

concerning requests for comments on the Innovations for Healthy Kids Challenge to Promote the Open Government Initiative. The document contained an incorrect Web address. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Johnson-Bailey at 703-305-3300.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 28, 2010, in FR/Vol. 75, No. 81 on page 22357, the third column, correct the Web site to read: <http://www.appsforhealthykids.com/>.

Dated: May 4, 2010.

Robert Post,

Acting Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Funds Availability; Inviting Applications for the Quality Samples Program

Announcement Type: New.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.605.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announces it is inviting proposals for the 2011 Quality Samples Program (QSP). The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible applicants and award funds in October 2010. QSP is administered by personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

DATES: All applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, June 11, 2010. Applications received after this date will be considered only if funds are still available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Entities wishing to apply for funding assistance should contact the Program Operations Division, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, or by phone: (202) 720-4327, or by fax: (202) 720-9361, or by e-mail: podadmin@fas.usda.gov. Information is also available on the FAS Web site at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/QSP.asp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: QSP is authorized under Section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714c(f).

Purpose: QSP is designed to encourage the development and expansion of export markets for U.S. agricultural commodities by assisting U.S. entities in providing commodity samples to potential foreign importers to promote a better understanding and appreciation for the high quality of U.S. agricultural commodities.

QSP participants will be responsible for procuring (or arranging for the procurement of) commodity samples, exporting the samples, and providing the technical assistance necessary to facilitate successful use of the samples by importers. Participants that are funded under this announcement may seek reimbursement from QSP for the sample purchase price, the cost of transporting the samples domestically to the port of export, and then to the foreign port or point of entry. Transportation costs from the foreign port or point of entry to the final destination will not be eligible for reimbursement. CCC will not reimburse the costs incidental to purchasing and transporting samples, for example, inspection or documentation fees. Although providing technical assistance is required for all projects, QSP will not reimburse the costs of providing technical assistance. A QSP participant will be reimbursed after CCC reviews its reimbursement claim and determines that the claim is complete.

General Scope of QSP Projects: QSP projects are the activities undertaken by a QSP participant to provide an appropriate sample of a U.S. agricultural commodity to a foreign importer, or a group of foreign importers, in a given market. The purpose of the project is to provide information to an appropriate target audience regarding the attributes, characteristics, and proper use of the U.S. commodity. A QSP project addresses a single market/commodity combination.

As a general matter, QSP projects should conform to the following guidelines:

- Projects should benefit the represented U.S. industry and not a specific company or brand;
- Projects should develop a new market for a U.S. product, promote a new U.S. product, or promote a new use for a U.S. product, rather than promote the substitution of one established U.S. product for another;
- Sample commodities provided under a QSP project must be in

sufficient supply and available on a commercial basis;

- The QSP project must either subject the commodity sample to further processing or substantial transformation in the importing country, or the sample must be used in technical seminars designed to demonstrate to an appropriate target audience the proper preparation or use of the sample in the creation of an end product;

- Samples provided in a QSP project shall not be directly used as part of a retail promotion or supplied directly to consumers. However, the end product, that is, the product resulting from further processing, substantial transformation, or a technical seminar, may be provided to end-use consumers to demonstrate to importers consumer preference for that end product; and

- Samples shall be in quantities less than a typical commercial sale and limited to the amount sufficient to achieve the project goal (e.g., not more than a full commercial mill run in the destination country).

QSP projects shall target foreign importers and audiences who:

- Have not previously purchased the U.S. commodity that will be transported under QSP;

- Are unfamiliar with the variety, quality attribute, or end-use characteristic of the U.S. commodity;

- Have been unsuccessful in previous attempts to import, process, and market the U.S. commodity (e.g., because of improper specification, blending, formulation, sanitary, or phytosanitary issues);

- Are interested in testing or demonstrating the benefits of the U.S. commodity; or

- Need technical assistance in processing or using the U.S. commodity.

II. Award Information

Under this announcement, the number of projects per participant will not be limited. However, individual projects will be limited to \$75,000 of QSP reimbursement. Projects comprised of technical preparation seminars, that is, projects that do not include further processing or substantial transformation, will be limited to \$15,000 of QSP reimbursement as these projects require smaller samples. Financial assistance will be made available on a reimbursement basis only; cash advances will not be made available to any QSP participant.

All proposals will be reviewed against the evaluation criteria contained herein and funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Funding for successful proposals will be provided through specific agreements between

the applicant and CCC. These agreements will incorporate the proposal as approved by FAS. FAS must approve in advance any subsequent changes to the project.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: Any United States private or Government entity with a demonstrated role or interest in exporting U.S. agricultural commodities may apply to the program. Government organizations consist of Federal, State, and local agencies. Private organizations include non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, state regional trade groups (SRTGs), and profit-making entities.

2. Cost Sharing: FAS considers the applicant's willingness to contribute resources, including cash, goods, and services of the U.S. industry and foreign third parties, when determining which proposals are approved for funding.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit their QSP applications to the FAS through the Uniform Export Strategy (UES) application Internet Web site. The UES allows applicants to submit a single consolidated and strategically coordinated proposal that incorporates requests for funding and recommendations for virtually all of the FAS marketing programs, financial assistance programs, and market access programs. The suggested UES format encourages applicants to examine the constraints or barriers to trade that they face, identify activities that would help overcome such impediments, consider the entire pool of complementary marketing tools and program resources, and establish realistic export goals.

Applicants planning to use the Internet-based system must contact the FAS/Program Operations Division to obtain Web site access information. The Internet-based application may be found at the following URL address: <https://www.fas.usda.gov/ues/webapp/>.

Although the FAS highly recommends applying via the Internet-based application as this format virtually eliminates paperwork and expedites the FAS processing and review cycle, applicants also have the option of submitting an electronic version of their application to FAS at podadmin@fas.usda.gov.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission: To be considered for QSP, an applicant must submit to FAS information detailed in this notice. Additionally, in accordance with the

Office of Management and Budget's policy directive regarding the need to identify entities that are receiving government awards, all applicants must submit a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. An applicant may request a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at (866) 705-5711.

Incomplete applications and applications that do not otherwise conform to this announcement will not be accepted for review.

FAS recommends that proposals contain, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) Organizational information, including:
 - Organization's name, address, Chief Executive Officer (or designee), Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN), and DUNS number;
 - Type of organization;
 - Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the primary contact person;
 - A description of the organization and its membership;
 - A description of the organization's prior export promotion experience; and
 - A description of the organization's experience in implementing an appropriate trade/technical assistance component;
- (b) Market information, including:
 - An assessment of the market;
 - A long-term strategy in the market; and
 - U.S. export value/volume and market share (historic and goals) for 2004–2010;
- (c) Project information, including:
 - A brief project title;
 - Amount of funding requested;
 - A brief description of the specific market development trade constraint or opportunity to be addressed by the project, performance measures for the years 2011–2013 which will be used to measure the effectiveness of the project, a benchmark performance measure for 2009, the viability of long term sales to this market, the goals of the project, and the expected benefits to the represented industry;
 - A description of the activities planned to address the constraint or opportunity, including how the sample will be used in the end-use performance trial, the attributes of the sample to be demonstrated and its end-use benefit, and details of the trade/technical servicing component (including who will provide and who will fund this component);
 - A sample description (*i.e.*, commodity, quantity, quality, type, and grade), including a justification for selecting a sample with such

characteristics (this justification should explain in detail why the project could not be effective with a smaller sample);

- An itemized list of all estimated costs associated with the project for which reimbursement will be sought;
- Beginning and end dates for the proposed project; and
- The importer's role in the project regarding handling and processing the commodity sample;

(d) Information indicating all funding sources and amounts to be contributed by each entity that will supplement implementation of the proposed project. This may include the organization that submitted the proposal, private industry entities, host governments, foreign third parties, CCC, FAS, or other Federal agencies. Contributed resources may include cash, goods or services.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:* All applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, June 11, 2010. Applications received after this date will be considered only if funds are still available.

4. *Funding Restrictions:* Proposals that request more than \$75,000 of CCC funding for individual projects will not be considered. Projects comprised of technical preparation seminars will be limited to \$15,000 in QSP funding. CCC will not reimburse expenditures made prior to approval of a proposal or unreasonable expenditures.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Criteria and Review Process:*

Following is a description of the FAS process for reviewing applications and the criteria for allocating available QSP funds.

FAS will use the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

- The ability of the organization to provide an experienced staff with the requisite technical and trade experience to execute the proposal;
- The extent to which the proposal is targeted to a market in which the United States is generally competitive;
- The potential for expanding commercial sales in the proposed market;
- The nature of the specific market constraint or opportunity involved and how well it is addressed by the proposal;
- The extent to which the importer's contribution in terms of handling and processing enhances the potential outcome of the project;
- The amount of reimbursement requested and the organization's willingness to contribute resources, including cash, goods and services of the U.S. industry, and foreign third parties; and

- How well the proposed technical assistance component assures that performance trials will effectively demonstrate the intended end-use benefit.

Proposals will be evaluated by the applicable FAS Commodity Branches in the Cooperator Programs Division. The Commodity Branches will review each proposal against the factors described above. The purpose of this review is to identify meritorious proposals, recommend an appropriate funding level for each proposal based upon these factors, and submit proposals and funding recommendations to the Deputy Administrator, Office of Trade Programs.

2. *Anticipated Announcement Date:* Announcements of funding decisions for QSP are anticipated during October 2010.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* FAS will notify each applicant in writing of the final disposition of its application. FAS will send an approval letter and agreement to each approved applicant. The approval letter and agreement will specify the terms and conditions applicable to the project, including the levels of QSP funding, and any cost-share contribution requirements.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* The agreements will incorporate the details of each project as approved by FAS. Each agreement will identify terms and conditions pursuant to which CCC will reimburse certain costs of each project. Agreements will also outline the responsibilities of the participant, including, but not limited to, procurement (or arranging for procurement) of the commodity sample at a fair market price, arranging for transportation of the commodity sample within the time limit specified in the agreement (organizations should endeavor to ship commodities within six months of effective date of agreement), compliance with cargo preference requirements (shipment on United States flag vessels, as required), compliance with the Fly America Act requirements (shipment on United States air carriers, as required), timely and effective implementation of technical assistance, and submission of a written evaluation report within 90 days of expiration of the agreement.

QSP projects are subject to review and verification by the FAS Compliance, Security and Emergency Planning Division. Upon request, a QSP participant shall provide to CCC the original documents that support the participant's reimbursement claims. CCC may deny a claim for

reimbursement if the claim is not supported by adequate documentation.

3. *Reporting:* A written evaluation report must be submitted within 90 days of the expiration of each participant's QSP agreement. Evaluation reports should address all performance measures that were presented in the proposal.

VII. Agency Contact(s)

For additional information and assistance, contact the Program Operations Division, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, or by phone: (202) 720-4327, or by fax: (202) 720-9361, or by e-mail: podadmin@fas.usda.gov.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 4, 2010.

John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications for the Emerging Markets Program

Announcement Type: New.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.603.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announces that it is inviting proposals for the 2011 Emerging Markets Program (EMP). The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications from the private sector and from government agencies for FY 2011. The EMP is administered by personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

DATES: All proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, June 11, 2010. Applications received after this time will be considered only if funds are still available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Entities wishing to apply for funding assistance should contact the Program Operations Division, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, or by phone: (202) 720-4327, or by fax: (202) 720-9361, or by e-mail: podadmin@fas.usda.gov. Information is also available on the Foreign Agricultural Service Web site at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.asp>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: The EMP is authorized by section 1542(d)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (The Act), as amended. The EMP regulations appear at 7 CFR part 1486.

1. *Purpose.* The EMP assists U.S. entities in developing, maintaining, or expanding exports of U.S. agricultural commodities and products by funding activities that improve emerging markets' food and rural business systems, including reducing potential trade barriers in such markets. The EMP is intended primarily to support export market development efforts of the private sector, but EMP resources may also be used to assist public organizations.

All U.S. agricultural commodities, except tobacco, are eligible for consideration. Agricultural product(s) should be comprised of at least 50 percent U.S. origin content by weight, exclusive of added water, to be eligible for funding. Proposals that seek support for multiple commodities are also eligible. EMP funding may only be used to develop, maintain, or expand emerging markets for U.S. agricultural commodities and products through generic activities. EMP funding may not be used to support the export of another country's products to the United States, or to promote the development of a foreign economy as a primary objective. Funding provided for government participation may only be used to support the activities of government officials expert in assessing the food and rural business systems of other countries.

2. *Appropriate Activities.* All EMP projects must fall into at least one of the following four categories:

(a) Assistance to U.S. individuals expert in assessing the food and rural business systems of other countries. This type of EMP project must include all three of the following:

- Conduct an assessment of the food and rural business system needs of an emerging market;
- Make recommendations on measures necessary to enhance the effectiveness of these systems; and
- Identify opportunities and projects to enhance the effectiveness of the emerging market's food and rural business systems.

(b) To be eligible, such proposals must clearly demonstrate that experts are primarily agricultural consultants, farmers, government officials, and other

persons from the private sector, and that they have expertise in assessing the food and rural business systems of other countries.

(c) Assistance to enable individuals from emerging markets to travel to the United States so that these individuals can, for the purpose of enhancing the food and rural business systems in their countries, become familiar with U.S. technology and agribusiness and rural enterprise operations by consulting with food and rural business system experts in the United States.

(d) Assistance to enable U.S. agricultural producers and other individuals knowledgeable in agricultural and agribusiness matters to travel to emerging markets to assist in transferring their knowledge and expertise to entities in emerging markets. Such travel must be to emerging markets. Travel to developed markets is not eligible under the program even if the traveler's targeted market is an emerging market.

(e) Technical assistance to implement the recommendations, projects, and/or opportunities identified by assistance under (1) above. Technical assistance that does not implement the recommendations, projects, and/or opportunities identified by assistance under (1) above is not eligible under the EMP.

Proposals that do not fall into one or more of the four categories above, regardless of previous guidance provided regarding the EMP, are not eligible for consideration under the program.

EMP funds may not be used to support normal operating costs of individual organizations, nor as a source to recover pre-award costs or prior expenses from previous or ongoing projects. Proposals that counter national strategies or duplicate activities planned or already underway by U.S. non-profit agricultural commodity or trade associations ("cooperators") will not be considered. Other ineligible expenditures include: branded product promotions (in-store, restaurant advertising, labeling, *etc.*); advertising, administrative, and operational expenses for trade shows; Web site development; equipment purchases; and the preparation and printing of brochures, flyers, and posters (except in connection with specific technical assistance activities such as training seminars.). For a more complete description of ineligible expenditures, please refer to the EMP regulations.

3. *Eligible Markets.* The Act defines an emerging market as any country that the Secretary of Agriculture determines: