

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Designation for the Owensboro, Kentucky; Bloomington, Illinois; Sioux City, Iowa; Grand Forks, North Dakota; and Plainview, Texas, Areas**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA is announcing the designations of J.W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton); Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois); Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City); Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Northern Plains) and Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview) to provide official services under the

United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

**DATES:** Effective April 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Read Applications:** All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the March 22, 2017, **Federal Register** (82 FR 14676-14679), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Barton, Central Illinois, Sioux City, Northern Plains, and Plainview. Applications were due by April 21, 2017.

The current official agencies, Barton, Central Illinois, Sioux City, Northern Plains, and Plainview, were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Barton, Central Illinois, Sioux City, Northern Plains, and Plainview are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2017. These designations to provide official services in the specified areas of Barton, Central Illinois, Sioux City, Northern Plains, and Plainview are effective April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following telephone number:

| Official agency        | Headquarters location and telephone | Designation start | Designation end |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Barton .....           | Owensboro, KY, 270-683-0616 .....   | 4/1/2017          | 3/31/2022       |
| Central Illinois ..... | Bloomington, IL, 309-827-7121 ..... | 4/1/2017          | 3/31/2022       |
| Sioux City .....       | Sioux City, IA, 712-255-8073 .....  | 4/1/2017          | 3/31/2022       |
| Northern Plains .....  | Grand Forks, ND, 701-772-2414 ..... | 4/1/2017          | 3/31/2022       |
| Plainview .....        | Plainview, TX, 806-293-1364 .....   | 4/1/2017          | 3/31/2022       |

Section 7(f) of the 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)).

**Randall D. Jones,**

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Opportunity for Designation in the Savage, Minnesota, Area; Request for Comments on the Official Agency Servicing This Area**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The designation of the official agency listed below will end on December 31, 2017. We are asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas presently served by this

agency to submit an application for designation. In addition, we are asking for comments on the quality of services provided by the following designated agency: State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State Grain).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received by August 2, 2017.

**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](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:* Sharon Lathrop, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

- *Fax:* Sharon Lathrop, 816-872-1257.

- *Email:* *FGIS.QACD@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:**

Sharon Lathrop, (816) 891-0415 or

*FGIS.QACD@usda.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 7(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 7(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the USGSA.

**Areas Open for Designation****State Grain**

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area in the State of Minnesota is assigned to this official agency.