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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Solicitation for Members To Fill Vacancies to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 10 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is July 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD-755 must be sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Room 344-A, Whitten Building; Washington, DC 20250-2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator; National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; telephone: 202-720-3684; fax: 202-720-6199; e-mail: smorgan@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3123) was amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 by adding one additional member to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which totals 31 members. Since the Advisory Board's inception by

congressional legislation in 1996, each member has represented a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land-grant colleges or universities with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in September 1996 and one-third of its members were appointed for a one-, two-, and three-year term, respectively. The terms for 10 of the 31 members who represent the specific categories to be filled will expire September 30, 2010. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for these 10 vacant categories are sought. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to each category.

The 10 categories to be filled are:

Category H. National Food Animal Science Society.

Category I. National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture or Weed Science Societies.

Category N. 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

Category O. 1994 Equity in Education Land-Grant Institutions.

Category Q. American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine.

Category U. Food Retailing and Marketing Interests.

Category W. Rural Economic Development.

Category X. National Consumer Interest Group.

Category Y. National Forestry Group.

Category Z. National Conservation or Natural Resource Group.

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category, will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person above

or from the following Web site: <http://www.ree.usda.gov/nareeeab/downloads/forms/AD-755.pdf>. All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Done at Washington, DC this 10th day of May 2007.

Gale Buchanan,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development; Notice of Privatization of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture approved the Transition Plan to privatize the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. The American Sheep and Goat Center, a Utah non-profit corporation, became the successor to the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center on October 1, 2006.

DATES: Privatization was effective Midnight, September 30, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, USDA Rural Development, Room 205-W, Mail Stop 0107, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0107, telephone: 202-720-4581, TTY: 800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Service).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: