

*Springfield*

Springfield, IL; 217-522-5233  
01/01/06-12/31/08

*Washington*

Olympia, WA; 360-902-1921,  
Additional locations: Aberdeen, WA,  
Colfax, WA, Kalama, WA, Pasco, WA,  
Seattle, WA, Spokane, WA, Tacoma,  
WA, Vancouver, WA  
01/01/06-12/31/08

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

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*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection,  
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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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*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection,  
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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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determined not to be a rule or regulation  
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and Departmental Regulation 1512-1;  
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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.