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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets will be held May 17, 2000. The role of the committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program. The committee will also advise USDA on ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in cooperative work with emerging markets in food and rural business systems and review proposals submitted to the Program.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss those proposals the Emerging Markets Office has received which may qualify for Emerging Markets Program funding. The minutes of the meeting announced in this Notice shall be available for review. The meeting is open to the public and members of the public may provide comments in writing to Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6506 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250, but should not make any oral comments at

the meeting unless invited to do so by the Co-chairpersons.

Signed at Washington, DC, May 3, 2000.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Indiana for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Indiana to issue two revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are Field Border (Code 386) and Use Exclusion (Code 472). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before June 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address all requests and comments to Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46278. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written or electronic request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to joe.gasperi@in.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Hardisty, 317-290-3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Indiana will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Indiana

regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: April 26, 2000.

Jane E. Hardisty,

State Conservationist, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Invitation for Applications of Interest To Sell Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) Loans Under an Expanded Pilot—Extension of Time and Clarification of Issues

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On November 12, 1999 (64 FR 61575), RBS announced an expanded pilot sale of IRP intermediary loans made to third parties. The intended effect of the notice was to solicit applications of interest from intermediaries who wished to consider participation in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 loan sale. RBS stated that it would competitively select and authorize several intermediaries to sell an aggregate amount of approximately \$50 million of the existing IRP portfolios in FY 2000 from among those intermediaries who have advanced at least 95 percent of IRP funding received by the intermediary. That announcement was also intended to provide notice to potential purchasers and other parties interested in structuring the sale of ultimate recipient notes. This notice restates and clarifies language in the November 12, 1999, notice and extends the length of time available to submit an application, due date for submission, and date by which any sale of loans is required to be complete.

None of the intermediaries which submitted an application were able to meet all basic criteria for eligibility. Several other interested parties communicated with RBS that, although they were potentially interested in participating in the sale, they did not intend to respond to the invitation due to the short 45-day deadline for responses during the December 1999