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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Designation for the Alabama; Essex, IL; Springfield, IL; Savage, MN; and Washington Areas

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA is announcing  
designation of the following  
organizations to provide official services  
under the United States Grain Standards  
Act, as amended (USGSA or Act):  
Alabama Department of Agriculture and

Industries (Alabama); Kankakee Grain  
Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee); Springfield  
Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield);  
State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State  
Grain); and Washington Department of  
Agriculture (Washington).

**DATES:** Effective January 1, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Karen  
Guagliardo, Chief, Review Branch,  
Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room  
1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue,  
SW., Washington, DC 20250–3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Karen Guagliardo at 202–720–7312, e-  
mail [Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov](mailto:Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the June  
2, 2008, **Federal Register** (73 FR 31431),  
GIPSA requested applications for  
designations to provide official services  
in the geographic areas assigned to the

official agencies named above.

Applications were due by July 1, 2008.

Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State  
Grain, and Washington were the sole  
applicants for designation to provide  
official services in the areas currently  
assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask  
for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available  
information regarding the designation  
criteria in section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA  
(7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that  
Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State  
Grain and Washington are able to  
provide official services in the  
geographic areas specified in the June 2,  
2008, **Federal Register**, for which they  
applied. These designation actions to  
provide official services are effective  
January 1, 2009, and terminate  
December 31, 2011, for Alabama,  
Kankakee, Springfield, State Grain, and  
Washington.

Interested persons may obtain official  
services by calling the telephone  
numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Alabama .....	Montgomery, AL, 251–438–2549; Additional Locations: Decatur and Mobile, AL	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
Kankakee .....	Essex, IL, 815–365–2268; Additional Location: Tiskilwa, IL .....	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
Springfield .....	Springfield, IL, 217–522–5233 .....	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
State Grain .....	Savage, MN, 952–808–8566 .....	1/1/2009	12/31/2011
Washington .....	Olympia, WA, 360–753–1484; Additional Locations: Colfax, Kalama, Pasco, Se- attle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver, WA.	1/1/2009	12/31/2011

Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA  
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 (7  
U.S.C. 79 (f)(1)).

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA,  
designations of official agencies are  
effective for 3 years unless terminated  
by the Secretary but may be renewed  
according to the criteria and procedures  
prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity for Designation in Topeka, KS; Cedar Rapids, IA; Minot, ND; and Cincinnati, OH, Areas and 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  
on June 30, 2009. GIPSA is asking  
persons interested in providing official  
services in the areas served by these  
agencies to submit applications 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);

Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-  
Iowa);

Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. (Minot);  
and

Tri-State Grain Inspection Service,  
Inc. (Tri-State).

**DATES:** Applications and comments  
must be received on or before January 2,  
2009.

**ADDRESSES:** GIPSA invites you to submit  
applications and comments on this  
notice by any of the following methods:

- To apply for designation, go to  
“FGISonline” at [https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default\\_home\\_FGIS.aspx](https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx) then select  
Delegations/Designations and Export  
Registrations (DDR). You will need a  
USDA e-authentication, username,  
password, and a customer number prior  
to applying.

- Hand Delivery or Courier:* Karen  
Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief,  
Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA,  
Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence  
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- Fax:* (202) 690–2755, to the  
attention of: Karen Guagliardo.

- E-mail:*  
[Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov](mailto:Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov).

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