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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets: Nominations

Announcement Type: New.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.603.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that nominations are being sought for twenty (20) qualified persons to serve on the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets (the Committee). The role of the Committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program (EMP). The Committee also recommends ways to enhance agricultural exports through the involvement of the U.S. private sector in emerging markets and reviews qualified proposals submitted to the Program for funding technical assistance activities, from a business perspective.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) by 5 p.m. on August 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: All nominating materials should be sent to Mark Slupek, Program Operations Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Portals Office Building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024, *phone:* (202) 720-4327. Forms may also be submitted by fax to (202) 720-9361.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons interested in serving on the Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact Ilah Barnes, by telephone (202) 720-4327, by fax (202) 720-9361, or by electronic mail to emo@fas.usda.gov and request Form AD-755 and Form SF-181. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of

information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is authorized by section 1542 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, as amended. The overall purpose of the Committee is to provide USDA with information that may be useful in carrying out the provisions of the EMP. The Committee is composed of representatives of the various sectors of the food and rural business systems of the United States. More information about the purpose and function of the Committee and about the EMP may be found at the FAS/Emerging Markets Program Web site: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.asp>. Form AD-755 is required and is available on the EMP home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/Form%20AD-755.doc>. In addition, FAS encourages the submission of the optional form AD-1086 (Applicant Supplemental Sheet), available on the Internet at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/ad1086.pdf>. The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Committee members serve without compensation, but can receive reimbursement for travel expenses to attend committee meetings, if requested, in accordance with USDA travel regulations.

The Committee has a balanced membership of up to 20 members, representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. agricultural and agribusiness industry. All appointments will expire 2 years from the date of appointment. The Secretary may renew an appointment for one or more additional terms.

Most meetings will be held in Washington, DC, though other locations may be selected on an occasional basis. Committee meetings will be open to the public, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the Committee will be discussing issues, the disclosure of which justify closing all or a portion of a meeting, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the work of

the Committee takes into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the interest of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Members should have experience, expertise, and knowledge of international agriculture and of trade and development issues as they affect emerging markets. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to representation on the Committee. In making selections, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation of the various broad industries within the United States as well as geographic diversity.

Signed at Washington, DC, on the 1st day of July, 2009.

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek reinstatement of an information collection, the Census of Horticultural Specialties.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 14, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-0236, 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number and title above in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,