

Opportunity for Designation in the Hastings (NE) Area and the State of New York

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designations of Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings), and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (New York) will end October 31, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Hastings and New York areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before May 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the 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. GIPSA designated Hastings, main office located in Hastings, Nebraska, and New York, main office located in Albany, New York, to provide official inspection services under the Act on November 1, 1993.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the

criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designations of Hastings and New York end on October 31, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the State of Nebraska, is assigned to Hastings.

Bounded on the North by the northern Nebraska State line from the western Sioux County line east to the eastern Knox County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Knox County lines; the eastern Antelope County line; the northern Madison County line east to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to the southern Madison County line; the southern Madison County line; the eastern Boone, Nance, and Merrick County lines; the Platte River southwest; the eastern Hamilton County line; the northern and eastern Fillmore County lines; the southern Fillmore County line west to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 south to State Highway 8; State Highway 8 west to the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81; the County Road south to southern Nebraska State line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Nebraska State line, from the County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81, west to the western Dundy County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Dundy, Chase, Perkins, and Keith County lines; the southern and western Garden County lines; the southern Morrill County line west to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 north to the southern Box Butte County line; the southern and western Sioux County lines north to the northern Nebraska State line.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Farmers Coop, and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County (located inside Denver Grain Inspection's area); and Farmers Cooperative Grain Company, Columbus, Platte County (located inside Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc.'s, area).

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, the entire State of New York, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by FGIS, is assigned to New York.

Interested persons, including Hastings and New York, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the

regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning November 1, 1996, and ending October 31, 1999. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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

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Director, Compliance Division.

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Rural Housing Service

Notice of Increase in Available Funds and Eligibility for Nonprofit and Underserved/Targeted Reserves

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) (formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)) has increased the Nonprofit reserve from \$7.5 million to \$9.9 million and includes co-ventures as eligible applicants for the \$2.4 million added to this reserve. The Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-120), extends Section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)), through September 30, 1996. Co-ventures are included as eligible entities in Section 515(w)(1), but were not included in the original administratively established nonprofit reserve as required by the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996. Additionally, the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, extends Section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(f)(4)(A)), through September 30, 1996. The RHS has increased the underserved/targeted reserve by \$4.5 million to allow the 100 most needy counties, as determined by the provisions of the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to compete for targeted funds. The intended effect is public awareness.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia L. Reese-Foxworth, Loan Specialist, Rural Rental Housing Branch, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA, AgBox 0781, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1604 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Programs Affected**

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 10.415, Rural Rental Housing Loans.

Discussion of Notice

Section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(f)(4)(A)) via the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 establishes a set-aside of 5 percent of the amounts available in fiscal year 1996 for underserved/targeted areas. The Section replaces language in 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L and allows the 100 most needy counties, as determined by the provisions of the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to compete for \$4.5 million in targeted

funds. All requests for targeted reserve funds must be forwarded to the National Office for competition in the random computerized lottery by July 3, 1996. The lottery will be conducted on or after July 5, 1996. Any funds remaining in this reserve will be pooled on August 19, 1996. The \$4.5 million is in addition to the \$12 million which was reserved earlier in the funding year for targeted areas. The \$12 million dollar random computerized lottery and announcement of recipients was held in January 1996.

This Notice amends the Notice published on December 12, 1995 (60 FR 63674), (see page 63676) to allow the 100 most needy counties to participate in this set-aside.

Section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)) via the Housing Opportunity Program

Extension Act of 1996 establishes a set-aside of 9 percent of the amounts available in fiscal year 1996 for nonprofit entities. The Section replaces language in 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L with respect to co-ventures and allows co-ventures to participate in the \$2.4 million in this set aside, on a first-come, first-served basis. All requests for nonprofit reserve funds must be forwarded to the National Office by July 3, 1996. Any funds remaining in this reserve will be pooled on August 19, 1996.

This Notice amends the Notice published on December 12, 1995 (60 FR 63674), (see pages 63675-76) to increase the set-aside for nonprofit applicants from \$7.5 million to \$9.9 million and to allow co-ventures to participate in this set-aside.

HOUSING IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, RURAL HOUSING TARGETING SET ASIDE (RHTSA), 100 ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

State	County name	Combined percentage sub-standard housing and poverty	Rank
Palau	Hatobohei State	200.00	1
Palau	Ngardmau State	200.00	2
Palau	Sonsorol State	198.36	3
Palau	Ngchesar State	197.91	4
Palau	Kayangel State	196.35	5
Palau	Ngarchelong State	196.05	6
American Samoa	Swains Island	193.75	7
Palau	Ngatpang State	191.94	8
Palau	Peleliu State	191.55	9
Palau	Melekeok State	191.00	10
Palau	Ngiwal State	189.53	11
Palau	Ngaraard State	189.00	12
Palau	Angaur State	188.60	13
Palau	Ngeremlengui State	186.72	14
Northern Marianas	Nothorn Islands Municipality	175.00	15
Palau	Aimeliik State	174.80	16
Palau	Airai State	165.98	17
American Samoa	Manu'a District	160.23	18
American Samoa	Western District	131.28	19
Puerto Rico	Ponce	115.87	20
Puerto Rico	Maricao	112.63	21
South Dakota	Shannon County	111.83	22
Puerto Rico	Penuelas	110.75	23
Alaska	Wade Hampton Census Area	110.21	24
Northern Marianas	Tinian Municipality	108.04	25
Puerto Rico	Villalba	107.84	26
Texas	Webb County	104.87	27
Puerto Rico	Orocovis	102.99	28
Puerto Rico	Vega Alta	100.64	29
Arizona	Apache County	99.06	30
Northern Marianas	Rota Municipality	99.03	31
Puerto Rico	Las Marias	98.96	32
Puerto Rico	Guayanilla	98.22	33
Puerto Rico	Lares	98.21	34
Alaska	Bethel Census Area	97.30	35
Puerto Rico	Utuaado	97.28	36
Puerto Rico	Guanica	97.23	37
Puerto Rico	Patillas	96.51	38
Puerto Rico	Vieques	96.07	39
Puerto Rico	Comerio	94.59	40
Puerto Rico	Naranjito	94.19	41
Puerto Rico	Cayey	93.98	42
Puerto Rico	Salinas	93.64	43
Puerto Rico	Santa Isabel	93.25	44

**HOUSING IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, RURAL HOUSING TARGETING SET ASIDE (RHTSA), 100 ELIGIBLE COUNTIES—
Continued**

State	County name	Combined per- centage sub- standard hous- ing and poverty	Rank
Puerto Rico	Loiza	92.29	45
Puerto Rico	Arroyo	92.12	46
Puerto Rico	Yabucoa	91.76	47
Puerto Rico	Moca	90.19	48
Puerto Rico	Toa Baja	89.79	49
Puerto Rico	Isabela	88.36	50
Puerto Rico	Juncos	87.33	51
Puerto Rico	San Juan	87.13	52
Puerto Rico	Vega Baja	87.10	53
Puerto Rico	Aguas Buenas	86.21	54
Puerto Rico	Trujillo Alto	85.48	55
Puerto Rico	Cabo Rojo	85.40	56
Puerto Rico	Coamo	85.37	57
Puerto Rico	Rincon	85.18	58
Puerto Rico	Manati	84.32	59
Puerto Rico	Lajas	84.22	60
Puerto Rico	Gurabo	84.10	61
New Mexico	McKinley County	83.79	62
Puerto Rico	Las Piedras	83.57	63
Puerto Rico	Cidra	83.26	64
Puerto Rico	Naguabo	83.14	65
Texas	Zavala County	81.63	66
Puerto Rico	Culebra	80.98	67
Puerto Rico	Toa Alta	80.76	68
Puerto Rico	Florida	80.56	69
Puerto Rico	Carolina	80.54	70
Puerto Rico	Dorado	80.49	71
Puerto Rico	Anasco	79.26	72
Mississippi	Tunica County	78.36	73
Puerto Rico	Aibonito	77.62	74
South Dakota	Ziebach County	77.53	75
Puerto Rico	Guaynabo	74.34	76
Utah	San Juan County	74.21	77
Puerto Rico	Luquillo	73.86	78
Puerto Rico	Sabana Grande	73.75	79
South Dakota	Todd County	73.03	80
Mississippi	Holmes County	67.20	81
Arizona	Navajo County	65.84	82
Mississippi	Issaquena County	65.83	83
Texas	Presidio County	64.52	84
Wisconsin	Menominee County	63.93	85
Mississippi	Humphreys County	60.77	86
Kentucky	Breathitt County	59.42	87
Texas	Frio County	58.65	88
Texas	Hudspeth County	58.17	89
Alabama	Perry County	57.16	90
South Dakota	Corson County	57.14	91
South Dakota	Mellette County	56.99	92
Texas	Edwards County	56.87	93
Texas	La Salle County	56.57	94
Texas	Duval County	56.51	95
North Dakota	Rolette County	54.12	96
South Dakota	Jackson County	53.13	97
Kentucky	Elliott County	52.28	98
Texas	Brooks County	52.20	99
South Dakota	Bennett County	52.12	100

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on

Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on May 16, 1996, at the Sumter County Courthouse, Courthouse Square, Livingston, Alabama 35470. The purpose of the