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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; Federal Subcontracting Forum, Workshop and Opportunities Fair

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a Federal Subcontracting Forum, Workshop and Opportunities Fair on June 24, 1998, from 9:00 AM to 4 PM, in the Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. The morning session (9 AM–12 Noon), which will be held in Room 107–A, will consist of presentations from featured guest speakers and the workshop. The subcontracting opportunities fair will take place in the afternoon from 1 PM to 4 PM in the Patio of the building. Participation at the morning session is open to large business concerns and non-profit organizations. Small business concerns are invited to participate in the afternoon session.

Presentation topics will include Best Practices in Subcontracting; the New OFPP Policy Letter on Subcontracting; the Impact of the Adarand Decision on the Federal Subcontracting Program (a surprising new development); An Update on the USDA Subcontracting Program; and the Future of Subcontracting. Among the guest speakers will be Stephen Schooner, Associate Administrator for Procurement Policy at the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), and Robert C. Taylor, Manager of the Federal Subcontracting Program at the Small Business Administration (SBA). The workshop will cover the required elements of a subcontracting plan, the reporting of subcontract award data, and

other pertinent information pertaining to the Subcontracting Program. Confidential and proprietary information will not be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss subcontracting issues/concerns during the morning session. Representatives from large business concerns and non-profit organizations will be available at the opportunities fair to discuss subcontracting opportunities. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

DATE: Reservations must be made by June 15, 1998 (fax or e-mail only).

ADDRESS: Confirm by facsimile at (202) 720–3001. Confirm by e-mail at janet.baylor@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Loretta D'Amico, USDA/OSDBU, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, AG STOP 9501, Washington, DC 20250–9501, telephone: (202) 720–7117, or visit the OSDBU's "What's New" Section on the Internet at www.usda.gov/da/smallbus.html. If you need accommodations to participate in the event, please notify Ms. D'Amico by June 15, 1998 at (202) 720–7117 (v) or through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 (voice/tdd).

Sharron L. Harris,

Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Agriculture, and are available for Licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market

coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to June Blalock, Technology Licensing Coordinator, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Bldg. 005, BARC–W, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2350; telephone: 301–504–5989 or fax: 301–504–5060. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The inventions available for licensing are:

- S.N. 08/580,664, "The Use of *Enterobacter Cloacae* as an Endophyte for the Control of Diseases Caused by Fungi"
- S.N. 08/785,716, "Glutenin Genes and Their Uses"
- S.N. 08/890,719, "Production of Antisera Specific to Major Histocompatibility Complex Molecules in Chicken"
- S.N. 08/898,999, "Flow Cytometry Nozzle for High Efficiency Cell Sorting"
- S.N. 08/906,333, "Method of Using Bile Salts to Inhibit Red Heat in Stored Brine-Cured Hides and Skins"
- S.N. 08/908,215, "A Strain of Gypsy Moth Virus with Enhanced Polyhedra and Budded Virus Production"
- S.N. 08/918,832, "Restructured Fruit and Vegetable Products and Processing Methods"
- S.N. 08/946,888, "Non-Thermal Energy Treatment for the Reduction of Microbial Population in Liquid Food Products"
- S.N. 08/974,938, "Biocontrol Agents for Take-All"
- S.N. 08/978,761, "The Prediction of Total Dietary Fiber in Cereal Products Using Near-Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy"
- S.N. 08/989,887, "Method and Pressure Gauge Mechanism for Determining and Controlling Moisture Content in Bales of Material Such as Cotton"
- S.N. 08/996,136, "Whey Protein Fractionation Using High Pressure or Supercritical Carbon Dioxide"

S.N. 60/061,378, "Unique Whitefly Ketose Reductase/Sorbitol Dehydrogenase Enzyme"

June Blalock,

Technology Licensing Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Southern States Cooperative, Inc., of Richmond, Virginia, an exclusive license to Plant Variety Protection Certificate Application No. 9800029, Soybean, "Tyrone" filed November 19, 1997. "Tyrone" is a forage soybean cultivar recommended for forage production in the southern states and is not intended for grain production. "Tyrone's" Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1998.

DATES: **Federal Register** comments must be received on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Southern States Cooperative submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-026N]

Meeting on the Browning of Ground Beef Patties

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting to discuss safe handling measures consumers should take in cooking hamburgers. The results of a study on the browning of ground beef patties before they reach an internal temperature of 160 °F will be presented. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the food safety issues presented by premature browning, including the question whether color is an appropriate indicator that ground beef is cooked to a safe internal temperature.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 27, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Arlington Hilton & Towers, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22203. The hotel is immediately adjacent to the Ballston Metro Station.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting and to obtain a copy of the study results on premature browning of ground beef patties, contact Ms. Jennifer Callahan of the FSIS Planning Office at (202) 501-7136 or FAX (202) 501-7642. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation should contact Ms. Callahan at the above numbers by May 22, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A study was commissioned by FSIS in 1997 to examine laboratory techniques for cooking and color evaluation and to test logistics for ground beef patties. A previous meeting was held to seek public comment on the study design from consumers, public health officials, and other interested persons. The May 27 meeting announced in this notice will focus on the results of the study and other public and private research efforts on premature browning. FSIS is particularly interested in discussing options for educating consumers about the safe cooking of these products.

The meeting is open to the public on a space-available basis. Transcripts of this meeting will be available in the FSIS Docket Office, Room 102, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3700.

Done in Washington, DC, on May 11, 1998.

Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Grazing Permit Reissuance, Sheep Grazing on the Ash Mountain and Iron Mountain Allotments, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, Gallatin National Forest, Park County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of reissuing a 10-year term grazing permit to continue authorizing sheep grazing in the Ash Mountain and Iron Mountain Allotments, located in the Hellroaring Creek and Buffalo Creek drainages in the southwest corner of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, Gallatin National Forest, Gardiner Ranger District, Park County, Montana. The permit reissuance would authorize the continued use of a three-unit rest-rotation grazing system for grazing 1200 ewe/lamb pairs for a 60-day grazing season. Also, the proposed action includes incorporation grizzly bear and riparian habitat protection standards into the new grazing permit, where they had only been implemented via the Annual Operating Plan in the past. The purpose of the proposed action is (1) to continue achieving Gallatin National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) objectives for domestic livestock production on the Ash Mountain and Iron Mountain Allotments, and in a manner that protects other resources including vegetation, wildlife, and riparian habitat.

The Forest Plan provides overall guidance for land management activities, including livestock grazing, within the area. This EIS will tier to the Gallatin Forest Plan Final EIS (September, 1987).

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received on or before July 6, 1998.