

DESIGNATION TERM

Georgia	08/01/1999 to 7/31/2002.
Schneider	08/01/1999 to 7/31/2002.
Central Iowa	09/01/1999 to 8/31/2002.
Montana	09/01/1999 to 8/31/2002.
Mid-Iowa	10/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.
Oregon	10/01/1999 to 9/30/2002.

Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

3. Request for Comments. GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon official agencies. Commenters are encouraged to submit pertinent data concerning the Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-Iowa, and Oregon official agencies including information concerning the timeliness, cost, quality, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, 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.*).

Dated: December 10, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Alton (IL), Columbus (OH), and Farwell (TX) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act):

Alton Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Alton);

Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus) and;

Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 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.

In the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 41224), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Alton Grain Inspection Department, Columbus, and Farwell to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by September 1, 1998. There were four applicants: Alton (a new corporation set up by Alton Grain Inspection Department), Missouri Department of Agriculture, Columbus, and Farwell. Columbus and Farwell, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Alton and the Missouri Department of Agriculture applied for designation to provide official services in the Alton area.

Since Columbus and Farwell were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

In the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**, GIPSA asked for comments on Alton Grain Inspection Department. In the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 52678), GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for the Alton area. There were six comments to the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**: five from customers of Alton Grain Inspection Department and one from a tow boat operator, all supporting designation of Alton Grain Inspection Department, Inc. There were no comments to the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register**.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Columbus and Farwell are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied and that Alton is better able to provide official services in the Alton area.

Effective February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2000, Alton is designated to provide official services in the Alton geographic area specified in the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**. Effective February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2002, Columbus and Farwell are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the August 3, 1998, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Alton at 314-978-1961, Columbus at 740-474-3519, and Farwell at 806-481-9052.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Addition to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received a proposal to add to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: February 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.