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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. # TM-02-08]

Notice of Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Services, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice invites all States of the United States of America, its territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (collectively hereinafter called States) to submit a Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, and to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service for the Allocation of National Organic Certification Cost-Share Funds. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has allocated \$5.0 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2002. Funds will be available under this program to all interested States to assist organic producers or organic handlers certified to the National Organic Program. States interested in obtaining cost-share funds for their organic producers or organic handlers will have to submit an Application for Federal Assistance, and will have to enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for the allocation of such funds.

DATES: Completed applications for federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by December 31, 2002 in order to participate in the program.

ADDRESSES: Applications for federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be requested from and submitted to: Robert Pooler, Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4008-South, Ag Stop

0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0264; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Fax: (202) 205-7808; E-mail: bob.pooler@usda.gov. Additional information may be found through the National Organic Program's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Pooler, Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4008-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0264; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Fax: (202) 205-7808; E-mail: bob.pooler@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Act) Public Law 107-171, 116 Stat. 134, 7 U.S.C. § 6523. Under this Act, USDA is authorized to provide certification cost share assistance to producers or handlers of organic agricultural products in all States. This National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program provides financial assistance to organic producers or organic handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the National Organic Program authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*). To participate in the program, interested States must complete a Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic producers or organic handlers who have been certified by a USDA accredited certifying agent to the National Organic Program beginning April 29, 2002. Sections 10606 (b)(1) and (2) 7 U.S.C. 6523, of the Act requires that payments be limited to 75 percent of the costs incurred by a producer or handler in obtaining certification under the National Organic Program as certified to and approved by the Secretary, up to a maximum of \$500.00 per year.

Producers who participate in the Organic Certification Cost-Share Program authorized under Section 1524 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1501-1524) are not eligible to participate in the producer portion of the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.

Authority: Pub. L. No. 107-171-116 Stat. 134, 7 U.S.C. § 6523.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-038N]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will hold a public meeting on November 6-7, 2002, to review and discuss three issues: Education and Training of the Field Workforce to Achieve a Public Health Vision, *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7 Developments, and Procedures for Evaluating State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs. Three subcommittees of the full committee will also meet on November 6, 2002, to work on the issues discussed during the full Committee session.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 6, and Thursday, November 7, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Subcommittees will hold open meetings on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Note: FSIS was not able to publish notification of this public meeting in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting, as required by Departmental Regulation 1041-001, due to late changes to the agenda.

ADDRESSES: All Committee meetings will take place at the Holiday Inn Capitol at the Smithsonian, located at 550 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20024. The full committee meeting will be held in the "Columbia Ballroom" and Sub-Committee 1 will meet in break out room "Apollo (second floor)," subcommittee 2 will meet in the "Mercury" (second floor), and Subcommittee 3 will meet in the "Mars (first floor)." A meeting agenda is available on the Internet at <http://>

www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi, which is a sub-web page of the FSIS home page at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. Submit one original and two copies of written comments to the FSIS Docket Room, reference docket #02-038N, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202) 205-0381. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the address provided above. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for reviewing in the FSIS Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles L. Gioglio for technical information at (202) 205-0010 and Sonya L. West for meeting information at (202) 720-2561, FAX (202) 205-0157, or e-mail sonya.west@usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. West by October 30, 2002, at the above numbers or by e-mail. Information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/nacmpi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 19, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the NACMPI. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs pursuant to sections 301(a)(4), 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and sections 5(a)(3), 5(a)(4), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act. The Administrator of FSIS is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups; producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry; State government officials; and academia. The current members of the NACMPI are: Dr. Gladys Base, Spelman College; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority; Sandra Eskin, American Association of Retired Persons; Dr. James Denton, University of Arkansas; Carol Tucker Foreman, Food Policy Institute, Consumer Federation of America; Michael Govro, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Martin Holmes, North American Meat Processors; Dr. Lee C. Jan, Texas

Department of Health; Dr. Alice Johnson, National Food Processors Association; Collette Schultz Kaster, Premium Standard Farms; Dr. Daniel E. Lafontaine, South Carolina Meat Poultry Inspection Department; Dr. Irene Leech, Virginia Tech; Charles Link, Cargill Turkey Products; Dr. Catherine Logue, North Dakota State University; Dr. Dale Morse, New York Department of Health; John Neal, Courseys Smoked Meats, and Michael Mammaing, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

The Committee has three subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole Committee.

All interested parties are welcome to attend the meetings and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee will review and discuss.

Members of the public will be required to register before entering the meeting.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail Subscription service. In addition, the update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-9113. To be added to the free e-mail subscription service (Listserv) go to the "Constituent Update" page on the Internet at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/update/update.htm>. Click on the "Subscribe to the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done at Washington, DC, on: October 29, 2002.

Dr. Garry L. McKee,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boise National Forest; Idaho; Upper Middle Fork Payette River Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a resource management project in the Middle Fork of the Payette River drainage. The project involves 864 acres of timber stand treatment in the 15,881-acre project area, less than a mile of road construction, nearly 3 miles of road reconstruction, and less than a mile of road decommissioning. The entire project area is located within watersheds that drain directly into the Middle Fork of the Payette River or its tributaries. The project area is located 12 miles east of Cascade, Idaho, and about 100 miles north of Boise, Idaho.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be postmarked within 30 days following publication of this announcement in the **Federal Register**. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in January 2003 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in April 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Keith Dimmett, Cascade Ranger District, P.O. Box 696, Cascade, ID 83611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Dimmett, Project Leader, Cascade Ranger District at the address mentioned above or by calling (208)382-7430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFMA planning for this project was initiated in the spring of 2001 with the Upper Middle Fork Payette River Ecosystem Analysis at the Watershed Scale (EAWS). A letter announcing plans to complete the EAWS and soliciting comments was mailed to interested individuals and/or groups in March of 2001.

A notice of intent to prepare an EIS for a similar project in the same location appeared on page 24097 of the **Federal Register** on May 11, 2001. This revised notice is being provided due to minor changes since the original notification,