

persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 3, 2005.

Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, Omaha, and Sioux City were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA

did not ask for additional comments on them.

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 Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, Omaha, and Sioux City are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the September 1, 2005, **Federal Register**, for

which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective April 1, 2006, and terminate March 31, 2009, for Jamestown, Lincoln, and Sioux City. Midsouth and Omaha are designated for 12 months only, effective April 1, 2006, and terminating March 31, 2007. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation term
Jamestown	Jamestown, ND; 701-252-1290	04/01/06-03/31/09
Lincoln	Lincoln, NE; 402-435-4386	04/01/06-03/31/09
Midsouth	Memphis, TN; 901-942-3216; Additional location: Stoneville, MS, North Little Rock, AR.	04/01/06-03/31/07
Omaha	Omaha, NE; 402-341-6739	04/01/06-03/31/07
Sioux City	Sioux City, IA; 712-255-8073	04/01/06-03/31/09

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-IN-A]

Purchase of Schneider (IN) and Amendment to the Champaign (IL) Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) designated Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider), to provide domestic official inspection services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act). Schneider's designation terminates June 30, 2006, therefore, GIPSA asked interested persons to submit an application for designation in the December 1, 2005, **Federal Register** (70 FR 72104). However, Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign), a currently designated agency providing official inspection services, is purchasing Schneider. Subsequently, GIPSA is not proceeding further with the request for applications for designation in the Lake Village, Indiana, area, which is currently designated to Schneider. The designation of Champaign has been

amended to include this geographic area.

DATES: Effective date April 1, 2006

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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 Schneider, headquarters in Lake Village, Indiana, to provide official inspection services under the Act effective July 1, 2005, and terminating June 30, 2006.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies will end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. Schneider's designation ends June 30, 2006, according to the Act. In the December 1, 2005, **Federal Register** (70 FR 72104), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by Schneider to submit an application for designation. However, Champaign advised GIPSA that they are purchasing Schneider. Accordingly, GIPSA is not proceeding further with the request for applications for designation published in the December 1, 2005, **Federal Register**. GIPSA is amending Champaign's designation due

to the purchase of the formerly designated Schneider.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, will now be assigned to Champaign.

In Illinois and Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Will County line from Interstate 57 east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line north to the northern Lake County line; the northern Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Elkhart County lines; the eastern Marshall County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Marshall and Starke County lines; the eastern Jasper County line south-southwest to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to Indiana State Route 55; Indiana State Route 55 south to the Newton County line; the southern Newton County line west to U.S. Route 41; U.S. Route 41 north to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to the Indiana-Illinois State line; and

Bounded on the West by Indiana-Illinois State line north to Kankakee County; the southern Kankakee County line west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 north to Interstate 57; Interstate 57 north to the northern Will County line.

Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan:

Champaign's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Schneider's former area which are serviced by GIPSA.

Effective April 1, 2006, Champaign's present geographic area is amended to include part of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Champaign's current designation to provide official inspection services terminates March 31, 2007. Official services may be

obtained by contacting Champaign at 217-398-0723.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-01-A]

Opportunity for Designation in the Idaho, Lewiston (ID), Ohio Valley (IN), and Utah Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in September 2006. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the quality

of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Idaho); Lewiston Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lewiston); Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc. (Ohio Valley); and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (Utah).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before March 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart.
- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.
- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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 United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (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.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall terminate not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act.

1. *Current Designations being Announced for Renewal.* For Idaho, main office in Pocatello, Idaho; Lewiston, main office in Lewiston, Idaho; Ohio Valley, main office in Evansville, Indiana; and Utah, main office in Salt Lake City; the current designations started July 1, 2003, and will end June 30, 2006.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Idaho	Pocatello, ID	07/01/2003	09/30/2006
Lewiston	Lewiston, ID	07/01/2003	09/30/2006
Ohio Valley	Evansville, IN	07/01/2003	09/30/2006
Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	07/01/2003	09/30/2006

a. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Idaho, is assigned to Idaho.

The southern half of the State of Idaho up to the northern boundaries of Adams, Valley, and Lemhi Counties.

b. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Idaho and Oregon, is assigned to Lewiston.

The northern half of the State of Idaho down to the northern boundaries of Adams, Valley, and Lemhi Counties.

The entire State of Oregon, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA.

c. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee, is assigned to Ohio Valley.

Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox (except the area west of U.S. Route 41 (150) from Sullivan County south to U.S.

Route 50), Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties, Indiana.

Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Henderson, Hopkins (west of State Route 109 south of the Western Kentucky Parkway), Logan, Todd, Union, and Webster (west of Alternate U.S. Route 41 and State Route 814) Counties, Kentucky.

Cheatham, Davidson, and Robertson Counties, Tennessee.

d. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Utah, is assigned to Utah.

2. *Opportunity for designation.* Interested persons, including Idaho, Lewiston, Ohio Valley, and Utah, 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 October 1, 2006, and ending September 30, 2009. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/GIPSA/webapp?area=home&subject=osp&topic=bsp>.

3. *Request for Comments.* GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services for the Idaho, Lewiston, Ohio Valley, and Utah official agencies. Substantive comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants will be considered in the designation process. All comments must