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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 Leeward Biotechnology, Inc. of Hartland, Wisconsin, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,451,400, "Mucosal Competitive Exclusion Flora", issued on September 19, 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 26, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

**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 in 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 Leeward Biotechnology, Inc. of Hartland, Wisconsin has 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 thirty (30) 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 J. Brenner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Medford Aspen Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Medford-Park Falls Ranger District intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental effects of proposed land management activities, and corresponding alternatives within the Medford Aspen project area. The primary purpose of this proposal is to implement activities consistent with direction in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and respond to specific needs identified in the project area.

The project area is located on National Forest System land in the northern portion of the Medford landbase of the Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, approximately 10 miles northwest of Medford, Wisconsin. The legal description for the area is: Township 32 North, Range 3 West, sections 1, 12-13, 24; Township 32 North, Range 2 West, sections 3-10, 16-19; Township 32 North, Range 1 West, sections 1-6, 9-10, 12-14; Township 32 North, Range 1 East, sections 4-9, 16-18; Township 33 North, Range 2 West, sections 2-5, 8-11, 13-16, 21-28, 34-35; Township 33 North, Range 1 West, sections 1-3, 10-12, 13, 18-19, 28-35; and Township 33 North, Range 1 East, sections 6-7, 31-32; Fourth Principal Meridian.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 30 days of publication of this notice to receive timely consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Jeanne Higgins, c/o Jane Darnell, Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, 850

N. 8th St., Medford, Wisconsin 54451. Send electronic comments to: [jdarnell01@fs.fed.us](mailto:jdarnell01@fs.fed.us) with a subject line that reads "Medford Aspen Project".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane Darnell, Environmental Coordinator, Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, USDA Forest Service: telephone 715-748-4875 (or TTY: 711, National Relay System), e-mail [jdarnell01@fs.fed.us](mailto:jdarnell01@fs.fed.us). To mail correspondence to Jane Darnell, see information in **ADDRESSES**. Copies of documents may be obtained at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information presented in this notice is included to help the reviewer determine if they are interested in or potentially affected by this proposed project. The information presented in this notice is summarized. Those who wish to comment on this proposal or are otherwise interested in or potentially affected by it are encouraged to review more detailed documents such as the Proposed Action for the Medford Aspen Project (currently available for review) and the draft EIS. See the preceding section of this notice for the person to contact for more detailed information about this project.

#### Project Background

The Medford Aspen project falls within the area defined in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests 2004 Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) as Management Area (MA) 1A. Guidance in the Forest Plan identifies this area to be managed for early successional forest communities such as aspen, balsam fir, and paper birch. Forest Plan guidance recommends certain percentages of the aspen be within certain age categories in order to maintain the aspen type and provide a variety of wildlife habitat. Within the project area, about 23 percent of the aspen is 45 years old or older. The Forest Plan recommended percentage of aspen in this age class is between 5 and 15 percent. Aspen is a fairly short lived tree species and as aspen surpasses the age of 45, growth and vigor of the trees start to decline. By 60 years of age, aspen is declining to the point where it loses the ability to regenerate itself. By harvesting aspen