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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 P & M Signs, Inc. of Mountainair, New Mexico, an exclusive license to the Federal Government's rights in U.S. Patent No. 6,586,504, "*Wood And Plastic Composite Material And Methods For Making Same*", issued on July 1, 2003.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 29, 2011.

**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 patent rights in this invention are co-owned by the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, and P & M Signs, Inc. of Mountainair, New Mexico. The prospective exclusive license will grant to the co-owner, P & M Signs, Inc., an exclusive license to the Federal Government's patent rights. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as P & M Signs, Inc. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Request for Public Comments for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Local Agency Recognition of Exemplary Breastfeeding Support Practices

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a request for public comments on the approach for selecting and awarding local agencies for excellence in WIC breastfeeding services and support. Section 231 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, requires that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) establish a program to recognize WIC local agencies and clinics that demonstrate exemplary breastfeeding promotion and support activities. USDA believes that public input on the development of the recognition program would be beneficial.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 29, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

*Mail:* Address comments to: Debra R. Whitford, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Respondents are strongly encouraged to submit comments through <http://www.regulations.gov>, as it will simplify the review of their input and help to ensure that it receives full consideration. All comments submitted

in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. All comments will be made available publicly on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Clark, Chief, Nutrition Services Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, Alexandria, VA 22302. (703) 305-2746.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Historically, the WIC Program has promoted breastfeeding as the optimal method of infant feeding, unless medically contraindicated. Breastfeeding promotion and support is a critical component of the services the WIC Program provides to pregnant and postpartum participants. As evidence has grown surrounding the importance of breastfeeding to the health of mothers and babies, WIC has further expanded initiatives to reinforce these activities as a priority for the WIC Program. WIC's recent efforts surrounding breastfeeding promotion and support include changing the WIC food packages to provide enhanced packages for fully breastfeeding mothers, expanding the WIC Peer Counselor Program, and establishing WIC Breastfeeding Performance Bonus awards to State agencies. This local agency recognition program will complement these and other Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) initiatives currently underway that seek to promote and increase breastfeeding among WIC participants. It will also complement other Federal initiatives, such as the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-led initiative, The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding, as well as the recent requirement in the Patient Protection and Healthcare Reform Act (Pub. L. 111-148), that became effective in 2010, that most employers provide a reasonable break time for breastfeeding mothers. All of these initiatives work towards the common goal to meet national objectives specified in the recently released DHHS Healthy People 2020, which includes an expansion of