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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 VHN Enterprises, LLC of San Francisco, California, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 7,858,125, "MULTI-COMPONENT BIOCIDAL COMPOSITION FOR WOOD PROTECTION", issued on December 28, 2010.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 11, 2013.

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 VHN Enterprises, LLC of San Francisco, California 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.

Robert Griesbach,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2013-0014]

Information Sharing With Agency Stakeholders: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

ACTION: Request for information and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are informing the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is soliciting feedback from our stakeholders regarding cross-Agency strategic priorities. We are also announcing that APHIS is hosting a public meeting to share information about the Agency's budget and program restructuring, as well as to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and share their perspective.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 11, 2013, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will accept stakeholder feedback on the specific topics raised in this notice until May 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 107A at the USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. You may submit feedback on the topics covered in this notice to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or by submitting a comment using the Regulations.gov Web site (<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0014-0001>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hallie Zimmers, Adviser for State and Stakeholder Relations, APHIS, Room 1153, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250; phone (202) 799-7029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance stakeholder communication and information sharing, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA)

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is hosting an open meeting with all interested stakeholders to discuss the Agency's budget, pending program restructuring and potential impacts, and several cross-Agency strategic priorities.

Like all Federal agencies, APHIS is facing a number of new and evolving challenges, including decreasing budgets, fewer available resources, and the continued need to successfully balance science, policy, and public opinion. As we plan for how to position APHIS to meet these and other challenges, our commitment to our animal and plant health mission remains firm. In keeping with this commitment, we want to continue to improve our business strategies and program delivery methods to enhance our overall effectiveness. As we begin to consider new opportunities and rethink current business practices, we want to engage our stakeholders in a dialog early in the process to ensure we're in alignment with our customers' needs. In particular, we are interested in your perspective regarding:

- Public and private partnerships, such as disease management and eradication programs that benefit from State and industry contributions.
- Non-regulatory solutions, such as compliance and education programs that can be used, when appropriate, to achieve results without the need for rulemaking.
- New technology that encourages commerce or enhances APHIS' ability to protect American agriculture.
- Customer service improvements that make it easier for stakeholders to do business with APHIS.

These are just a few examples; we believe many additional opportunities exist under the broad priorities of public and private partnerships, non-regulatory solutions, new technology and customer service. APHIS will speak to how the Agency is considering and already using these cross-Agency strategic priorities in greater depth at the public meeting. Ultimately, we believe stakeholders are in a unique position to provide insight and offer up new approaches that will enable APHIS to more effectively carry out our animal and plant mission and better serve our many customers.

You may submit your thoughts and feedback by responding to this notice (see **ADDRESSES** above) or by emailing