

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)****Opportunity for Designation in the South Carolina Area; Request for Comments on the Official Agency Servicing This Area**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The designation of the official agency listed below will end on September 30, 2017. We are asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas presently served by this agency to submit an application for designation. In addition, we are asking for comments on the quality of services provided by the following designated agency: South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received by June 21, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications and comments concerning this Notice using any of the following methods:

- *Applying for Designation on the Internet:* Use FGISonline ([https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default\\_home\\_FGIS.aspx](https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx)) and then click on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an FGISonline customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.

- *Submit Comments Using the Internet:* Go to *Regulations.gov* (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site.

- *Mail, Courier or Hand Delivery:* Sharon Lathrop, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

- *Fax:* Sharon Lathrop, 816-872-1257.

- *Email:* [FGIS.QACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGIS.QACD@usda.gov).

*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(c)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Lathrop, 816-891-0415 or [FGIS.QACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGIS.QACD@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 79(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) authorizes the Secretary 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 (7 U.S.C. 79(f)). Under section 79(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

**Areas Open for Designation***State of South Carolina*

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area in the State of South Carolina is assigned to this official agency.

In South Carolina

The entire State, except those export port locations within the State, which are serviced by South Carolina.

**Opportunity for Designation**

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic area specified above under the provisions of section 79(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196. Designation in the specified geographic area in South Carolina is for the period beginning October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2022. To apply for designation or to request more information, contact Sharon Lathrop at the address listed above.

**Request for Comments**

We are publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by the South Carolina official agency. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicant. Submit all comments to Sharon Lathrop at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicants will be designated.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

**Randall D. Jones,**

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)****Designation for the Casa Grande, AZ Area**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA is announcing the designation of Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc. (Farwell Southwest) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jacob Thein, 816-866-2223, [Jacob.D.Thein@usda.gov](mailto:Jacob.D.Thein@usda.gov) or [FGIS.QACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGIS.QACD@usda.gov).

*Read Applications:* All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the January 10, 2017, **Federal Register** (82 FR 2939), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic area presently serviced by Farwell Southwest. Applications were due by February 9, 2017.

The current official agency, Farwell Southwest, was the only applicant for designation to provide official services in this area. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Farwell Southwest is qualified to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 2017. This designation to provide official services in the specified areas of Arizona and California is effective April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following telephone number:

| Official agency         | Headquarters location and telephone | Designation start | Designation end |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Farwell Southwest ..... | Casa Grande, AZ 520-421-1027 .....  | 4/1/2017          | 3/31/2022       |

Section 79(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary 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 (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)).

**Randall D. Jones,**

*Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

**Inviting Applications for the Delta Health Care Services Grant Program**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces that the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is accepting fiscal year (FY) 2017 applications for the Delta Health Care Services (DHCS) grant program. The DHCS program is authorized under Section 379G of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014. The Agency will publish the program funding level on the Rural Development Web site <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/delta-health-care-services-grants>. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta Region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and economic development entities in the Delta Region.

**DATES:** You must submit completed applications for grants according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than Monday, July 24, 2017.
- Electronic copies must be received by Monday, July 17, 2017. Late applications are not eligible for funding under this Notice and will not be evaluated.

**ADDRESSES:** You should contact your USDA Rural Development State Office (State Office) if you have questions about eligibility or submission

requirements. You are encouraged to contact your State Office well in advance of the application deadline to discuss your Project and to ask any questions regarding the application process. A list of State Office contacts can be found at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>.

A supplementary application guide has also been created for your assistance. You may obtain the application guide and materials for this Notice in the following ways:

- Through the Internet at the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) Cooperative Programs Web site: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/delta-health-care-services-grants>.
- By requesting the application guide and materials from your local State Office. A list of State Office contacts can be found at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>.

**Alabama**

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Centre, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 601, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400/TDD (334) 279-3495.

**Arkansas**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200/TDD (501) 301-3279.

**Illinois**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 2118 West Park Court, Suite A, Champaign, IL 61821, (217) 403-6200/TDD (217) 403-6240.

**Kentucky**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 224-7435/TDD (859) 224-7422.

**Louisiana**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473-7960/TDD (318) 473-7655.

**Mississippi**

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965-5457/TDD (601) 965-5850.

**Missouri**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West,

Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876-9321/TDD (573) 876-9480.

**Tennessee**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37203-1084, (615) 783-1321.

You must submit either:

- A complete paper application to the State Office located in the State where the Project will primarily take place, <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices> (see list above), or
- A complete electronic grant application at <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov). Please review the Grants.gov Web site at [http://grants.gov/applicants/organization\\_registration.jsp](http://grants.gov/applicants/organization_registration.jsp), for instructions on the process of registering your organization as soon as possible to ensure you are able to meet the application deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Grants Division, Cooperative Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 3253, Washington, DC 20250-3253; or call (202) 690-1374.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Overview**

*Federal Agency:* USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Delta Health Care Services Grant Program.

*Announcement Type:* Initial funding announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 10.874.

*Dates:* You must submit your complete application by Monday, July 24, 2017, or it will not be considered for funding. Electronic copies must be received by [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) no later than midnight Eastern time Monday, July 17, 2017, or it will not be considered for funding.

**Executive Order (E.O.) 13175 Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments**

This Executive Order imposes requirements on Rural Development in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications or preempt tribal laws. Rural Development has determined that this Notice does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribe(s) or on either the relationship or the distribution of powers and responsibilities between the