

information, contact Mark Wooden 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 Jamestown 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 Mark Wooden 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,

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Amendment to the Designation of Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is amending Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc.'s (Mid-Iowa) geographical territory to include the area previously designated to Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois). Mid-Iowa purchased Central Illinois effective July 1, 2017, and met the requirements specified by regulations issued under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. The designation of Mid-Iowa is from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2020.

**DATES:** July 1, 2017.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Lathrop, 816–891–0415 or [FGIS.QACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGIS.QACD@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 71–87k) 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 7 U.S.C. 79(g), designations of official agencies are effective for no

longer than 5 years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in 7 U.S.C. 79(f).

#### Mid-Iowa Designation

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the States of Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota, is assigned to this official agency.

#### In Iowa

Bounded on the north by the northern Winneshiek and Allamakee County lines; bounded on the east by the eastern Allamakee County line; the eastern and southern Clayton County lines; the eastern Buchanan County line; the northern Jones and Jackson County lines; the eastern Jackson and Clinton County lines; southern Clinton County line; the eastern Cedar County line south to State Route 130; bounded on the south by State Route 130 west to Interstate 38; State Route 38 south to Interstate 80; Interstate 80 west to U.S. Route 63; and bounded on the west by U.S. Route 63 north to State Route 8; State Route 8 east to State Route 21; State Route 21 north to D38; D38 east to V49; V49 north to Bremer County; the southern Bremer County line; the western Fayette and Winneshiek County lines.

#### In Illinois

Carroll and Whiteside Counties

Bounded on the north by State Route 18 east to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route 51 south to State Route 17; State Route 17 east to Livingston County; and the Livingston County line east to State Route 47; bounded on the east by State Route 47 south to State Route 116; State Route 116 west to Pontiac, which intersects with a straight line running north and south through Arrowsmith to the southern McLean County line; the southern McLean County line east to the eastern DeWitt County line; the eastern DeWitt County line; the eastern Macon County line south to Interstate 72; Interstate 72 northeast to the eastern Piatt County line; the eastern Piatt, Moultrie, and Shelby County lines; bounded on the south by the southern Shelby County line; and a straight line running along the southern Montgomery County line west to State Route 16 to a point approximately one mile northeast of Irving; and bounded on the west by a straight line from this point northeast to Stonington on State Route 48; a straight line from Stonington northwest to Elkhart on Interstate 55; a straight line from Elkhart northeast to the west side of Beason on State Route 10; State

Route 10 west to the Logan County line; the western Logan County line; the southern Tazewell County line; the western Tazewell County line; the western Peoria County line north to Interstate 74; Interstate 74 southeast to State Route 116; State Route 116 north to State Route 26; and State Route 26 north to State Route 18.

#### In Minnesota

Fillmore, Houston, Olmstead, Wabasha, and Winona Counties

The following grain elevators are not part of this geographic area assignment and are assigned to: Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc.; East Lincoln Farmers Grain Co., Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois; Okaw Cooperative, Cadwell, Moultrie County, Illinois; ADM (3 elevators), Farmer City, Dewitt County, Illinois; and Topflight Grain Company, Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity for Designation in the Lincoln, Nebraska, Area; Request for Comments on the Official Agency Servicing This Area

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

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for designation.

**SUMMARY:** The designation of the official agency listed below will end on March 31, 2018. 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: Lincoln Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln).

**DATES:** GIPSA will consider applications and comments received by October 5, 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](http://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 7(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 7(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 7(f) of the USGSA.

**Areas Open for Designation**

*Lincoln*

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area in the States of Iowa and Nebraska is assigned to this official agency.

In Iowa and Nebraska

Bounded on the north (in Nebraska) by the northern York, Seward, and Lancaster County lines; the northern Cass County line east to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south to U.S. Route 34; U.S. Route 34 east to Interstate 29; bounded on the east by Interstate 29 south to the Fremont County line; the northern Fremont and Page County lines; the eastern Page County line south to the Iowa-Missouri State line; the Iowa-Missouri State line west to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south-southeast to the Nebraska-Kansas

State line; bounded on the south by the Nebraska-Kansas State line west to County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81; bounded on the west by County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81 north to State Highway 8; State Highway 8 east to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 north to the Thayer County line; the northern Thayer County line east; the western Saline County line; the southern and western York County lines.

The following grain elevators are not part of this geographic area assignment and are assigned to: Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: Goode Seed & Grain, McPaul, Fremont County, Iowa; and Haveman Grain, Murray, Cass County, Nebraska.

**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 7(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196. Designation in the specified geographic area in Iowa and Nebraska is for the period beginning April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2023. 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 Lincoln 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>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Housing Service**

**Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA or Notice) for the Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization (MPR) Demonstration Program Under Section 514, Section 515, and Section 516**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (Agency) announces the timeframes to submit pre-applications to participate in a demonstration program to preserve and revitalize existing Multi-Family Housing (MFH) projects currently financed under Section 514, Section 515, and Section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended. Under this demonstration program, existing Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) and Sections 514/516 Off-Farm Labor Housing (FLH) projects may be revitalized to preserve the ability of rental projects to provide safe and affordable housing for very-low, low, or moderate-income residents. The goal for projects participating in this program will be to extend their affordable use without displacing tenants because of increased rents. RRH projects include properties designated as senior, family, mixed, congregate and cooperative housing with currently outstanding Section 515 loans. FLH projects include only off-farm properties with currently outstanding Section 514 loans.

This Notice *does not* provide any additional units of Agency Rental Assistance (RA) for projects financed under Section 514, Section 515, and Section 516.

**DATES:** Pre-applicants selected under this Notice to submit final applications will be funded to the extent an appropriation act provides sufficient funding at the time of final application approval. The amount of funding available will be posted in the Rural Development (RD) Web site, <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housingpreservation-revitalization-demonstration-loans-grants>.

Pre-application submission deadlines for these opportunities are:

(1) For pre-applications requesting multiple MPR funding tools [including debt deferral of eligible Section 514 or Section 515 loans] complete pre-applications as defined in this Notice must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time December 1, 2017.

(2) For any MPR applicants requesting *debt deferral only* for eligible Section 514 or Section 515 loans, complete MPR pre-applications may be submitted on