

provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield), will end March 31, 1997, according to the Act and the designation of Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama) will end February 28, 1997, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Springfield and Alabama areas to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before October 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator 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. GIPSA designated Springfield, main office located in Springfield, Illinois, to provide official inspection services under the Act on April 1, 1994, and Alabama, main office located in Mobile, Alabama, to provide official inspection services under the Act on March 1, 1994.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Springfield ends on March 31, 1997, and the designation of Alabama ends on February 28, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the

State of Illinois, is assigned to Springfield.

Bounded on the North by the northern Schuyler, Cass, and Menard County lines; the western Logan County line north to State Route 10; State Route 10 east to the west side of Beason;

Bounded on the East by a straight line from the west side of Beason southwest to Elkhart on Interstate 55; a straight line from Elkhart southeast to Stonington on State Route 48; a straight line from Stonington southwest to Irving on State Route 16;

Bounded on the South by State Route 16 west to the eastern Macoupin County line; the eastern, southern, and western Macoupin County lines; the southern and western Greene County lines; the southern Pike County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Pike County line west to U.S. route 54; U.S. Route 54 northeast to State Route 107; State Route 107 northeast to State Route 104; State Route 104 east to the western Morgan County line. The western Morgan, Cass, and Schuyler County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: East Lincoln Farmers Grain Co., Lincoln, Logan County (located inside Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Alabama, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to Alabama.

Interested persons, including Springfield, and Alabama, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Springfield geographic area is for the period beginning April 1, 1997, and ending February 29, 2000. Designation in the Alabama geographic area is for the period beginning March 1, 1997, and ending February 29, 2000. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**AUTHORITY:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

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*Director, Compliance Division*

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## **Designation for the Mid-Iowa (IA) Area and the State of Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa), and Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** October 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the April 1, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 14289), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Mid-Iowa and Oregon to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by May 1, 1996. Mid-Iowa and Oregon, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire areas currently assigned to them.

Since Mid-Iowa and Oregon were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Mid-Iowa and Oregon are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective October 1, 1996, and ending September 30, 1999, Mid-Iowa and Oregon are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the April 1, 1996, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Mid-Iowa at 319-363-0239 and Oregon at 503-276-0939.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

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## Rural Utilities Service

### Refinancing Water and Wastewater Loans

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice describes the Rural Utilities Service's Water and Wastewater (WW) loan program refinancing policies, informs commercial lenders of the availability of a list of eligible WW borrowers that have the potential to refinance outstanding debt, and invites cooperatives and private credit sources to participate in refinancing loans from the Agency's loan portfolio.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Pope, Loan Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, Room 6336, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-1938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agency provides credit to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and nonprofit corporations. The eligible WW loan purposes are to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve water and wastewater systems. The Agency's credit programs are administered in a manner which ensures that they do not compete with credit available from other reliable sources. Loan agreements require financially capable borrowers to refinance debts owed to the Agency when other credit is available at reasonable rates and terms from a cooperative or private credit source.

The Agency would like to further develop its public/private partnerships while enhancing its refinancing efforts. As part of these efforts, each Rural Development State office, which administers the WW program in the field, will maintain a current listing of borrowers that have the potential to refinance. The Agency requests that any interested lenders contact the State office in each State for the current list of borrowers with potential to graduate. The Agency will develop a unified database of lenders interested in this refinancing initiative as part of their ongoing effort to establish a stronger alliance with private sector lenders. Each interested lender should submit its

name and address to the State office located in its residing State. Each State office will be required to provide a copy of its current list of lenders annually to the National office for compilation of a nationwide database. This list should be submitted to the National office by October 1, of each year.

Dated: August 21, 1996.  
 Wally Beyer,  
*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*  
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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) gives notice of the dates and location of the meetings of the Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** The Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee will meet on September 25, 26, and 27, 1996. The meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in the Steptoe & Johnson building, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on the concourse level. The meetings are open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real-time transcription will be available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Dennis Cannon, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 35 (voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). Electronic mail address: cannon@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 24, 1996, the Access Board published a notice appointing members to its Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee (Committee). 61 FR 26155 (May 24, 1996). The Committee will

make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. These recommendations will be used by the Access Board to develop accessibility guidelines under section 255(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee is composed of representatives of manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; telecommunications providers and carriers; and other persons affected by the guidelines. At its first meeting on June 12-14, 1996, the Committee took the following actions:

- The statutory definitions of telecommunications, telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment are to be construed broadly.
- Providing access is not a "change in form" of information within the meaning of the statute's definition of telecommunications and, therefore, not excluded.

• A listserv was created through the Trace Center: taac-l@trace.wisc.edu. To subscribe, send e-mail to listproc@trace.wisc.edu with the message subscribe taac-l <firstname lastname>.

At its second meeting on August 14-16, 1996, the Committee agreed on the following points:

- In customer premises equipment (CPE), it is not always possible to separate the effects of software from hardware and one manufacturer may choose to perform the same function with one or the other. Therefore, the guidelines must cover both.
- It is not always possible to determine whether a particular function resides with the CPE, the telecommunications carrier or the source material. Therefore, the guidelines will be developed with the assumption that the function resides in the CPE and urge the FCC to apply the same guidelines to entities and services under its jurisdiction.
- The Committee also agreed that the existing definitions of CPE and telecommunications equipment are sufficient.

The Committee also took the following administrative and procedural actions:

- While the definition of "readily achievable" in the Telecommunications Act is the same as in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the term is applied differently. In the ADA, the term applies to barrier removal in existing facilities whereas the