

Amarillo applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, except for Beckham, Ellis, Harper, and Roger Mills Counties in Oklahoma. Enid, a designated official agency operating in Oklahoma, applied for designation to provide official services in Beckham, Ellis, Harper, and Roger Mills Counties in Oklahoma.

There were two applications for the Louisiana area: Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Louisiana) and BSI Inspectorate Services, Inc. (BSI). Louisiana applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. BSI, an unofficial grain inspection agency, applied for the entire state of Louisiana, except those export port locations served by GIPSA.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

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#### Opportunity for Designation in the Columbus (OH), Farwell (TX), and Northeast Indiana (IN) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in December 2004. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus); Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell); and Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (Northeast Indiana).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before July 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- Fax: Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690–2755, attention: Janet M. Hart.

- E-mail: Send via electronic mail to Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

- Mail: Send hardcopy to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3604.

**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(b)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart at 202–720–8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

**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 United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (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.

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.

#### 1. Current Designations being Announced for Renewal.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Columbus .....	Columbus, OH .....	02/01/02	12/31/2004
Farwell .....	Farwell, TX .....	02/01/02	12/31/2004
Northeast Indiana .....	Hoagland, IN .....	02/01/02	12/31/2004

a. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Ohio and Michigan, is assigned to Columbus.

In Michigan:

Bounded on the West by State Route 127 at the Michigan-Ohio State line north to State Route 50; Bounded on the north by State Route 50 at State Route 127 east to the Michigan State line; the Michigan state line south to the Michigan-Ohio State line.

In Ohio:

The northern Ohio State line east to the to the Ohio Pennsylvania State line;

Bounded on the East by the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line south to the Ohio River; Bounded on the South by the Ohio River south-southwest to the western Scioto County line; and Bounded on the West by the western Scioto County line north to State Route 73; State Route 73 northwest to U.S. Route 22; U.S. Route 22 west to U.S. Route 68; U.S. Route 68 north to Clark County; the northern Clark County line west to State Route 560; State Route 560 north to State Route 296; State Route 296 west to Interstate 75; Interstate 75 north to State Route 47; State Route 47

northeast to U.S. Route 68 (including all of Sidney, Ohio); U.S. Route 68 north to the southern Hancock County line; the southern Hancock County line west to the western Hancock, Wood and Lucas County lines north to the Michigan-Ohio State line; the Michigan-Ohio State line west to State Route 127. Columbus' assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Columbus' area which are serviced by GIPSA.

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

the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, is assigned to Farwell.

Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma Counties, Arizona.

Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Tarrant, and Union Counties, New Mexico.

Bailey, Cochran, Deaf Smith (west of State Route 214), Hockley, Lamb (south of a line bounded by U.S. Route 70, FM 303, U.S. Route 84, and FM 37), and Parmer Counties, Texas.

c. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Northeast Indiana.

Bounded on the North by the northern Lagrange and Steuben County lines; Bounded on the East by the eastern Steuben, De Kalb, Allen, and Adams County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams and Wells County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Wells County line; the southern Huntington and Wabash County lines; the western Wabash County line north to State Route 114; State Route 114 northwest to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Kosciusko County; the western and northern Kosciusko County lines; the western Noble and Lagrange County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: E.M.P. Coop, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio (located inside Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc.'s, area).

2. *Opportunity for designation.* Interested persons, including Columbus, Farwell, and Northeast Indiana 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 specified geographic areas is for the period beginning December 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2007. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, [www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm](http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/oversight/parovreg.htm).

3. *Request for Comments.* GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services for the Columbus, Farwell, and Northeast Indiana official agencies. In commenting on the quality of services, commenters are encouraged to submit

pertinent data including information on the timeliness, cost, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces our intention to request a three year extension and revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the Clear Title program. This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** We will consider comments that we receive by August 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send comments via electronic mail to [comments.gipsa@usda.gov](mailto:comments.gipsa@usda.gov).
- Mail: Send hardcopy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647–S, Washington, DC 20250–3604.
- Fax: Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690–2755.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647–S, Washington, DC 20250–3604.

**Instructions:** All comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**Background Documents:** Information collection package and other documents relating to this action will be available

for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

**Read Comments:** All comments will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding the information collection activities and the use of the information, contact Jaime Adams, at (202) 720–0239 or [Jaime.C.Adams@usda.gov](mailto:Jaime.C.Adams@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers the Clear Title program for the Secretary of Agriculture. The Clear Title program is authorized by Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 and requires that States implementing central filing system for notification of liens on farm products must have such systems certified by the Secretary of Agriculture. The regulations implementing the Clear Title program are contained in 9 CFR part 205, Clear Title—Protection for Purchasers of Farm Products. Nineteen States currently have certified central filing systems.

**Title:** “Clear Title” Regulations to implement section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1631).

**OMB Number:** 0580–0016.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** October 31, 2004.

**Type of Request:** Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The information is needed to carry out the Secretary’s responsibility for certifying a State’s central filing system under section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985. Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 enables States to establish central filing systems to notify potential buyers, commission merchants, and selling agents of security interests (liens) against farm products. The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated authority to GIPSA for certifying the systems. Nineteen States have certified central filing systems. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning our information collection.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 4 to 40 hours per response (amendments to certified systems require less time, new certifications require more time).

**Respondents (Affected Public):** States seeking certification of central filing systems to notify buyers of farm products of any mortgages or liens on the products.