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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and forty-fourth meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 19th, 2005 at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), 1307 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC (13th & H St.)

The BIFAD will address an agenda focusing on Agriculture Development in Afghanistan, including poppy control initiatives, a progress report on horticultural assessments recently held in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, discussion of the merits of establishing a CRSP Board, issues of visa issuance for international trainees, long term training, and other items of general interest.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact John Swanson, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-06, Washington DC, 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-5602 or fax (202) 216-3010.

John Swanson,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Location: The National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045.

The meeting will open with a keynote address by USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios. He will discuss democratic governance and civil society.

Following the Administrator's presentation, James Smith, Acting Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade will present the agency's new education strategy followed by a panel discussion with Stephen Moseley, President of the Academy for Educational Development and John Grayzel, Director of the Office of Education in USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade.

Following lunch, participants will be invited to attend concurrent panel sessions on either USAID's Arab and Muslim outreach strategy or tsunami relief and reconstruction. Panelists include Samah Alrayyes with USAID's Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Nancy Aosse, President and CEO of International Medical Corps, Ken Isaacs, Director of USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, Iqbal Noor Ali, CEO of the Aga Khan Foundation USA, Michael Nyenhuis, President of MAP International, Ann Phillips with USAID's Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination and Mark Ward, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Asia and the Near East. Following the panel sessions, participants will reconvene for recommendations and a final wrap-up. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and participate in the discussion.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa or e-mail their name to Barbara Underwood

at barbara@websterconsulting.com or Jocelyn Rowe at jrowe@usaid.gov.

Dated: April 29, 2005.

Jocelyn M. Rowe,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA), U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service.

ACTION: Notice of appointment to the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Agriculture announces members appointed to fill 9 vacancies on the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21), in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Those appointed are as follows: Richard Crowder, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Seed Trade Association, in Alexandria, Virginia; Duane Grant, Farmer, in Rupert, Idaho; Robert Herdt, Adjunct International Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York; Josephine Hunt, Program Manager, Global Science and Regulatory Affairs, Kraft Foods, in Glenview, Illinois; Gregory Jaffe, Director, Biotechnology Project, Center for Science in the Public Interest, in Washington, DC; Patricia Layton, Professor, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson University, in Clemson, South Carolina (AC21 Chair); Bradley Shurdut, Global Leader, Government Relations, Regulatory Affairs, and Science Policy, Dow AgroSciences LLC, in Washington, DC; Alison Van Eenennaam, Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Animal Science, University of California in Davis, California; and Lisa Zannoni, Director, Global Regulatory Affairs and Government Relations, BASF Corporation, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

DATES: Appointments by the Secretary are for a two-year term, effective April 12, 2005 until April 11, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; E-mail mschechtman@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The members of the committee cover a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests. The duties of the committee are solely advisory. The AC21 is charged with examining the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA, and providing guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture.

The AC21 was first appointed in February 2003 and at the time half of the appointments were for a one-year term and half for a two-year term. Due to the staggered appointments, the terms for 9 of the 18 members expired on February 12, 2005. Members of the AC21 may be reappointed by the Secretary of Agriculture but no member may serve more than six consecutive years. Members serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at AC21 and subcommittee functions for those committee members who require assistance in order to attend the meetings.

Dated: April 29, 2005.

Bernice Slutsky,

Special Assistant to the Secretary for Biotechnology.

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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 (ARS), intends to grant to CoBatCo Inc. of Peoria, Illinois, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994, "Non-Separable Starch-Oil Compositions," issued on October 14, 1997 and to U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713, "Non-Separable Compositions of Starch and Water-Immiscible Organic Materials," issued

on March 16, 1999, for all animal food and feed applications, including but not limited to livestock feed and pet food. ARS also intends to grant to CoBatCo Inc. a license for all human food ingredient and food product applications. This is the third license granted by ARS for these inventions in this field of use. ARS intends to grant no additional licenses in this field of use. U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994 is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173, and U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173. Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1994.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 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 to 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 since CoBatCo Inc. 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.

Martha Steinbock,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Child and Adult Care Food Program: Permanent Agreements for Day Care Home Providers

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of the information collection related to the Child and Adult Care Food Program, including adjustments to be made as a result of the final rule entitled Child and Adult Care Food Program: Permanent Agreements for Day Care Home Providers.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments must be received by July 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Mr. Keith Churchill, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 636, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Comments will also be accepted via E-Mail submission if sent to cnproposals@fns.usda.gov.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this Notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Keith Churchill, (703) 305-2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: