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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-01-05]

Nominations for Members of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990, as amended, requires the establishment of a National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The NOSB is a 15 member board that is responsible for developing and recommending to the Secretary a proposed National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances. The NOSB also advises the Secretary on all other aspects of the National Organic Program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requesting nominations to fill five (5) upcoming vacancies on the NOSB. The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint persons to serve 5-year terms of office that will commence in January 2002. USDA encourages eligible minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to apply for membership on the NOSB.

DATES: Written nominations, with resumes, must be postmarked on or before October 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Toni Strother, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2510-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Toni Strother, (202) 720-3252; E-mail: toni.strother2@usda.gov; Fax: (202) 690-2624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OFPA of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 *et seq.*), requires the Secretary to establish an organic certification

program for producers and handlers of agricultural products that have been produced using organic methods. In developing this program, the Secretary is required to establish an NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of a proposed National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the National Organic program.

The current NOSB has made recommendations to the Secretary regarding the establishment of the initial organic program. It is anticipated that the NOSB will continue to make recommendations on various matters, including recommendations on substances it believes should be allowed or prohibited for use in organic production and handling.

The NOSB is composed of 15 members; 4 organic producers, 2 organic handlers, a retailer, 3 environmentalists, 3 public/consumer representatives, a scientist, and a certifying agent. Nominations are being sought to fill the following five (5) upcoming NOSB vacancies: organic producer, organic handler, consumer/public interest representative, environmentalist, and scientist (in the fields of toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry). Individuals desiring to be appointed to the NOSB at this time must be either an owner or operator of an organic production operation, an owner or operator of an organic handling operation, a person who represents public or consumer interest groups, an individual with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation, or someone with expertise in the fields of toxicology, ecology or biochemistry. Selection criteria will include such factors as: Demonstrated experience and interest in organic production and handling; diverse commodity and geographic representation; support of consumer and public interest organizations; demonstrated experience with environmental matters; and such other factors as may be appropriate for specific positions.

Nominees will be supplied with a biographical information form that must be completed and returned to USDA within 10 working days of its receipt. Completed biographical information forms are required for a nominee to receive consideration for appointment by the Secretary.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the NOSB in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the members of the NOSB take into account the needs of the diverse groups that are served by the Department, membership on the NOSB will include, to the extent practicable, individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505-0001.

Dated: July 10, 2001.

Barry L. Carpenter,
Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Little Reed Island Creek Watershed, Carroll, Pulaski and Wythe Counties, VA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the National Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an Environmental Impact Statement is not being prepared for the Little Reed Island Creek Watershed in Carroll, Pulaski and Wythe Counties and the Town of Hillsville, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Culpeper Building, Suite 209, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, Virginia 23229-5014, telephone (804) 287-1691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Assessment of this federally assisted action provides evidence that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact and determined that the preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are to improve water quality, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce on-farm damages caused by excessive erosion and sedimentation. The planned works of improvement include the installation of 15,569 acres of conservation practices on pastureland, hayland, cropland, woodland and riparian zone land in the Little Reed Island Creek Watershed in Carroll, Pulaski, and Wythe Counties and the Town of Hillsville, Virginia. The watershed protection will be accomplished by the installation of soil and water conservation practices on private lands.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single-copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the Environmental Assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.901, Watershed and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

M. Denise Doetzer,

State Conservationist.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: August 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each the commodities or services will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information. The following commodities and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Mop, Flat, w/Scrubber
M.R. 1045
NPA: Arizona Industries for the Blind, Phoenix, Arizona
Government Agency: Defense Commissary Agency
Mop, Twist-N-Lock,
M.R. 1040
NPA: LCI/Signature Works, Inc., Hazlehurst, Mississippi
Government Agency: Defense Commissary Agency

Services

Grounds Maintenance
Illinois Air National Guard, 126th ARW, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
NPA: Challenge Unlimited, Inc., Alton, Illinois
Government Agency: Illinois Air National Guard
Janitorial/Custodial
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Bloomington, Minnesota
NPA: AccessAbility, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
Government Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mailing Services

Department of Energy, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois
NPA: Jewish Vocational Service & Employment Center, Chicago, Illinois
Government Agency: Department of Energy

Photocopying

Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina
NPA: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Government Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Deletion

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodity is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Commodity
Buckle, Belt