

# Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 83, No. 158

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Senior Executive Service: Membership of Performance Review Board

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists approved candidates who will comprise a standing roster for service on the Agency's 2018 SES Performance Review Board. The Agency will use this roster to select SES Performance Review Board members. The standing roster is as follows:

Allen, Colleen  
Bader, Harry  
Broderick, Deborah  
Buckley, Ruth  
Chan, Carol  
Crumbly, Angelique  
Detherage, Maria  
Ehmann, Claire  
Feinstein, Barbara  
Foley, Jason  
Girod, Gayle  
Jenkins, Robert  
Johnson, Mark  
Koek, Irene  
Kuyumjian, Kent  
Leavitt, William  
Lennon, Stephen  
Lewis, Kimberly  
Longi, Maria  
Mahanand, Vedjai  
Miranda, Roberto  
Mitchell, Reginald  
Moore, David  
Ohlweiler, John  
Pascocello, Susan  
Peters, James  
Shelat, Neilesh  
Sokolowski, Alexander  
Staley, Kenneth  
Steele, Gloria  
Vera, Mauricio  
Voorhees, John  
Walther, Mark  
Warren, Gordon  
Whyche-Shaw, Oren

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Maryclare Whitehead, 202-216-3489.

Dated: August 7, 2018.

**Karen Baquedano,**

*Director, Center for Performance Excellence,  
Human Capital and Talent Management, U.S.  
Agency for International Development.*

[FR Doc. 2018-17601 Filed 8-14-18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE P**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Request for Nominations of Members for the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Specialty Crop Committee, and National Genetics Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces the opening of the solicitation for nominations to fill vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economic (NAREEE) Advisory Board and its subcommittees. There are eight vacancies on the NAREEE Advisory Board; three vacancies on the Specialty Crop Committee; six vacancies on the Citrus Disease Subcommittee; and two vacancies on the National Genetics Advisory Council.

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of July 20, 2018, FR Doc. No. 83, pages 34536-34537 on page one, under Date, should read as follows:

All nomination materials should be submitted in a single, complete package and received or postmarked by August 24, 2018.

Done at Washington, DC, this day of August 6, 2018.

**Chavonda Jacobs-Young,**

*Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Acting Chief Scientist.*

[FR Doc. 2018-17537 Filed 8-14-18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-03-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Request for Expression of Interest for Potential Sites for Headquarters Office Locations

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is exploring potential sites for a proposed new headquarters location for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Economic Research Service (ERS). The need for a proposed NIFA facility would be approximately 90,000 square feet to house approximately 360 employees. The need for a proposed ERS facility would be up to 70,000 square feet to house up to 260 employees. Appropriations will dictate the ultimate size of the selection. USDA is requesting Expressions of Interest from State and Local governments, industry, academia, interested parties and organizations for potential locations that would accommodate the construction and/or lease and operation of a NIFA and/or ERS headquarters facility. USDA is interested in exploring options to house the headquarters of NIFA and ERS jointly or in separate locations.

**DATES:** Interested parties wishing to make an Expression of Interest should do so in writing by September 14, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments regarding this notice. All submissions must refer to "Expression of Interest" to ensure proper delivery.

- *Electronic Submission of Expression of Interest.* Interested persons may submit information electronically to the following email address [relocation@usda.gov](mailto:relocation@usda.gov).

- *Submission of Comments by Mail, Hand delivery, or Courier.* Paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to Donald K. Bice, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 240-W, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Donald K. Bice, Telephone Number:  
(202) 720-3291.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIFA's mission is to invest in and advance

agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges. In collaboration with the Land-Grant Universities and other partners, NIFA supports the future of agriculture and the nation's well-being through its forward-thinking investments in critical science, education, and engagement efforts.

The mission of ERS is to inform and enhance public and private decision making on a broad range of economic and policy issues related to agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America. The Agency's mission is to anticipate issues that are on the horizon, and to conduct sound, peer-reviewed economic research. ERS is also a primary source of statistical indicators that, among other things, gauge the health of the farm sector (including farm income estimates and projections), assess the current and expected performance of the agricultural sector (including trade), and provide measures of food security here and abroad. Most of the Agency's research is conducted by a highly trained staff of economists and social scientists through an intramural program of research, market outlook, and analysis.

The current headquarters facility for NIFA is in General Services Administration leased space in Washington DC That lease is expiring and the USDA and NIFA are interested in potential new sites for a headquarters facility. The current headquarters facility for ERS is in General Services Administration leased space in Washington DC This inquiry is intended to continue the implementation of Secretary Perdue's goal of ensuring USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity and a focus on customer service. With the expiration of the current lease for the NIFA headquarters facility and the ability of ERS to vacate its existing lease there is an opportunity for the agencies to be closer to its customers and facilitate economic development in Rural America.

Request for Expression of Interest: USDA requests Expressions of Interest from State and Local governments, industry, academia, interested parties and organizations to identify potential sites or locations for the NIFA and ERS headquarters facility. A consortium could be an appropriate respondent. All viable options will be evaluated for the location of the facility (*i.e.*, Federal government property, Federal research property, land deeded to the government, long-term lease, commercial site, etc.). USDA is interested in exploring options to house

the headquarters of NIFA and ERS jointly or in separate locations.

This request for expression of interest, published in today's **Federal Register**, is the first step in the process to consider site options. USDA will evaluate each EOI submission using the four criteria in no particular order (transportation logistics, workforce, community/quality of life, and capital and operating costs) to determine if it should be further evaluated as part of the location selection process.

**Logistics.** Personnel travel and logistics needs are critically important. This includes being located within a reasonable distance of a commercial primary airport and the transportation infrastructure to have commuting options for employees.

**Workforce.** Locating NIFA and ERS headquarters in a community includes a significant opportunity to improve economic conditions and create employment opportunities. It is important that the potential site be in close proximity to a critical mass of intellectual capacity and potential employees to continue the high value and productive work of NIFA and ERS.

**Community/Quality of Life.** One of the most important resources of any USDA organization is its employees. Though the Washington DC area has many positive attributes, it routinely ranks as having some of the longest commute times and one of the highest costs of living in the Nation. USDA wants to locate the NIFA and ERS headquarters in a community where our employees will enjoy living, recreational opportunities, educational opportunities, and an overall high quality of life.

**Capital and Operating Costs.** The need to invest upfront capital costs and ongoing operational costs will be a factor in the site selection process. Lower costs and the potential of incentives to offset costs will be considered.

**Information Technology infrastructure.** While there is the need consider upfront investments in capital costs and ongoing operational costs in the site selection process; it is also important for the ERS location to offer enhanced IT security to meet the full requirements of handling and properly protecting confidential information at the new location. ERS, being a Federal statistical agency, will be required to maintain functional and physical separation of IT resources in order to meet the data protection requirements described in the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 101) and in OMB's related implementation

guidance. Moreover, ERS is an integral agency for the Office of the Chief Economist Office's World Agricultural Outlook Board activities. Therefore, the new location will be required to offer secure and confidential connectivity to the USDA's South Building to facilitate monthly teleconferences with the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee meetings (<https://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/prepared.htm>). The ability of the new location to offer those capabilities will be viewed as a prerequisite condition for a successful bid.

**Expression of Interest Format:** The length of the Expression of Interest should be no more than 5 pages using 12-point font. While the responder may determine how best to use the 5 pages, we recommend: SECTION 1—Summary; and SECTION 2 through SECTION 5 a description of location with specific reference to the 4 items requested by USDA below.

1. A description of your consortium/organization, and its capabilities to support the location of the NIFA and ERS headquarters at its recommended site (SECTION 2).

2. A description of how the potential site addressed the four site criteria categories (transportation logistics, workforce, community/quality of life, and capital and operating costs) described above (SECTION 3).

3. A map showing the location of the potential site, nearby (within 10 miles) political boundaries, demographics and characteristics of surrounding communities (within 10 miles) (SECTION 4).

4. A site description including ownership, total site acreage and acreage available for development; existing physical infrastructure including number of structures, their size, vintage and current use; current activities; on-site tenants (if applicable); and estimated costs as tenant (SECTION 5).

**Proprietary Information:** If the Expression of Interest contains information that the submitter believes is privileged or confidential, the appropriate portions of the submission should be marked "Proprietary Information" and will not be publicly released except as required by law. This restriction does not limit the Government's or its contractors' or agents' right to use data obtained without restriction from any source, including the respondent.

USDA is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of Expressions of Interest in response to this notice. USDA reserves the right to

respond or not respond to any portion, all, or none of the Expressions of Interest submitted in response to this Notice. Responders whose submissions are deemed worthy of further consideration given the criteria expressed herein may be asked to provide additional information. USDA's further consideration of certain Responders' Expressions of Interest does not obligate USDA to provide funds to such Responders or to enter into contractual relationships with such Responders.

Dated: August 9, 2018.

**Donald K. Bice,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

[FR Doc. 2018-17555 Filed 8-14-18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3410-90-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2018-0009]

#### Retail Exemptions Adjusted Dollar Limitations

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the dollar limitations on the amount of meat and meat food products, poultry, and poultry products that a retail store can sell to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions without disqualifying itself for exemption from Federal inspection requirements. In accordance with FSIS's regulations, for calendar year 2018, the value for the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products remains unchanged at \$75,700. For calendar year 2018, the value for the dollar limitation for poultry and poultry products also remains unchanged at \$56,600. FSIS reviews the dollar limitations on a yearly basis and makes adjustments based on price changes for these products evidenced by the Consumer Price Index.

FSIS is currently considering the retail dollar limitations for Siluriformes fish and fish products. FSIS intends to propose a methodology for setting the dollar limitations for Siluriformes fish and fish products in a separate **Federal Register** Notice.

**DATES:** *Applicable Date:* September 14, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program

Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720-5627.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) provide a comprehensive statutory framework to ensure that meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products prepared for commerce are wholesome, not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. Statutory provisions requiring inspection of the processing of meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products do not apply to operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants in regard to products for sale to consumers in normal retail quantities (21 U.S.C. 661(c)(2) and 454(c)(2)). FSIS's regulations (9 CFR 303.1(d) and 381.10(d)) elaborate on the conditions under which requirements for inspection do not apply to retail operations involving the preparation of meat and meat food, and processing of poultry and poultry products.

##### Sales to Hotels, Restaurants, and Similar Institutions

Under these regulations, sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (other than household consumers) disqualify a retail store for exemption if the product sales exceed either of two maximum limits: 25 percent of the dollar value of total product sales or the calendar year dollar limitation set by the Administrator. The dollar limitation is adjusted automatically during the first quarter of the year if the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows an increase or decrease of more than \$500 in the price of the same volume of product for the previous year. FSIS publishes a notice of the adjusted dollar limitations in the **Federal Register**. (See 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b).)

The CPI for 2017 reveals an annual average price decrease for meat and meat food products at 0.583 percent and an annual average price increase for poultry and poultry products at 0.17 percent. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the dollar limitation for meat and meat food products decreased by \$441 and the dollar limitation for poultry and

poultry products increased by \$96. In accordance with 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(b) and 381.10(d)(2)(iii)(b), because the dollar limitation of meat and meat food products and poultry and poultry products did not increase or decrease by more than \$500, FSIS is making no adjustment in the dollar limitations on sales to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions. The dollar limitation for meat and meat food products remains unchanged at \$75,700 and the dollar limitation for poultry and poultry products remains unchanged at \$56,600 for calendar year 2018.

##### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>. FSIS also will make copies of this publication available through the FSIS *Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Constituent Update* is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

##### USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

No agency, officer, or employee of the USDA shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, or political beliefs, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person in the United States under any program or activity conducted by the USDA.