

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana region under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Designation in the Northeast Indiana region is for the period beginning about January 1, 1998, and not to exceed 3 years as prescribed in section 7(g)(1) of the Act. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

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

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

National Commission on Small Farms; Meeting

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture by Departmental Regulation No. 1043-43 dated July 9, 1997, established the National Commission on Small Farms (Commission) and further identified NRCS to provide support to the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information regarding small farms and ranches and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture a national policy and strategy to ensure their continued viability. The chair of the Commission has decided that the Commission may hold subcommittee meetings in order to gather public input from different regions of the country.

Place, Date and Time of Meeting: The Commission's first subcommittee meeting will be at the Marriot, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York. The subcommittee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 2, to hear public testimony. The meeting is open to the public. We are seeking testimony from various sources to arrive at conclusions and recommendations that will ensure the continued viability of small farms. The Commission requests that testimony and comments include

ideas and recommendations based on the following questions. Concerns or problems of individual farms that relate to specific USDA programs should be addressed only in the context of a recommendation for the Commission to consider.

The questions are:

1. How are current USDA programs helping or hurting the viability of small farms?

2. What are the needs of small farms in terms of financing, research, extension, marketing and risk management and other areas? What recommendations would you make about these needs that could be part of a long-range strategy to ensure the continued viability of small farms?

3. Are there innovative non-governmental or state efforts to assist beginning and smaller independent farms that might be replicated or supplemented at the Federal level?

4. What changes in USDA policy or practices are needed to make USDA programs in the areas of credit, research, extension, marketing, risk management and other areas more effective in enabling small farms to survive and thrive?

5. What new programs could provide effective and affordable support for small farmers as commodity programs are phased out?

6. What can be done to assist beginning farmers and farm workers to become farm owners?

7. What role should the Federal government play to ensure a diversified, decentralized and competitive farm structure?

8. What do small farms contribute to your community and your state?

9. What other generic issues pertaining to small farms should the Commission consider?

Interested parties wishing to testify must contact the office of the National Commission on Small Farms by August 26, 1997 in order to be placed on a list of witnesses. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. Those wishing to testify, but unable to notify the Commission office by August 26, will be able to sign up as a presenter September 2. Sign up will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 Noon. These presenters will testify on a first come, first served basis and comments will be limited based on the time available and the number of presenters. Written statements will be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed or faxed to the Commission office by September 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and statements should be sent to National Commission

on Small Farms, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 5237, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 690-0648 or (202) 690-0673. The fax number is (202) 720-0596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to gather and evaluate background information, studies, and data pertinent to small farms and ranches, including limited-resource farmers. On the basis of the review, the Commission shall analyze all relevant issues and make findings, develop strategies, and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture toward a national strategy on small farms. The national strategy shall include, but not be limited to: changes in existing policies, programs, regulations, training, and program delivery and outreach systems; approaches that assist beginning farmers and involve the private sectors and government, including assurances that the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are addressed; areas where new partnerships and collaborations are needed; and other approaches that it would deem advisable or which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service may request the Commission to consider.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Commission is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of USDA. Establishment of the Commission also implements a recommendation of the USDA Civil Rights Action Report to appoint a diverse commission to develop a national policy on small farms.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Announcement of the William C. Foster Fellows Visiting Scholars Program for the 1998-99 Academic Year

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) will conduct a competition to select visiting scholars to serve at the Agency during

the 1998-99 academic year. University faculty from a variety of fields are sought, including those in the physical sciences, engineering, international relations, economics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and computer science.

Section 28 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2568), as amended, provides that "a program for visiting scholars in the field of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament shall be established by the Director in order to obtain the services of scholars from the faculties of recognized institutions of higher learning." The law states that "the purpose of the program will be to give specialists in the physical sciences and other disciplines relevant to the Agency's activities an opportunity for active participation in the arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament activities of the Agency and to gain for the Agency the perspective and expertise such persons can offer * * *." Scholars are known as William C. Foster Fellows, in honor of the first Director of ACDA, who served from 1961 to 1969.

Assignments are available in the Bureaus of Strategic and Eurasian Affairs (SEA); Multilateral Affairs (MA); Intelligence, Verification and Information Management (IV); and Nonproliferation and Regional Arms Control (NP). Visiting scholars participate in a wide range of Agency activities, such as performing arms control research and analyses, evaluating data relating to compliance with treaties in force, supporting interagency development of arms control policy, and taking part in international arms control and disarmament negotiations.

Visiting scholars will be detailed to ACDA by their universities for one full year. The institutions will be compensated for the scholar's salaries and benefits in accordance with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 and within Agency budgetary limitations. Each Fellow will receive reimbursement for travel to and from the Washington, DC area for his/her one year assignment and either a per diem allowance during the one year detail or relocation costs.

Qualified candidates must be citizens of the United States, on the faculty of a recognized U.S. institution of higher learning, and tenured or on a tenure track.

ACDA is an equal opportunity employer. Selections will be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or physical handicap that does not interfere with performance of duties. Prior to

appointment, all candidates will be subject to a full-field background investigation for a Top Secret security clearance, as required by Section 45 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, as amended. Visiting scholars will be subject to applicable Federal conflict of interest laws and standards of conduct.

To apply, candidates must submit a letter outlining their interests and qualifications, a curriculum vitae, copies of two publications, and optional supporting material such as letters of reference. Applicants will be evaluated based on their potential to provide expertise or to perform services critical to ACDA's mission. The application deadline for assignments for the 1998-99 academic year is January 31, 1998, subject to extension at the Agency's discretion. ACDA expects to announce tentative selections in June or July 1998.

For an information brochure, please write to: Foster Fellows Program, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 320 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20451; or call (202) 647-8090.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

James Sweeney,

Chief Science Advisor.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Cancellation of Public Meeting of the Kentucky Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Kentucky Advisory Committee to the Commission which was to have convened at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 1997, at the Louisville Free Public Library, Western Branch, 604 S. 10th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, has been canceled. The original notice for the meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 1997, FR Doc. 97-20835, 62 FR 42483.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Bobby D. Doctor, Director of the Southern Regional Office, 404-562-7000 (TDD 404-562-7004).

Dated at Washington, DC, August 12, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Exception to Reporting Requirement under the Import Certificate/Delivery Verification Procedures.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0001.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 11 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Approximately 30 minutes.

Number of Respondents: 21.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. and participating countries have agreed to establish an Import Certificate and Delivery Verification requirements to help control the disposition of strategically important commodities. When exporters are unable to comply with the requirement or feel that obtaining the required documentation is impractical, exporters must provide certain information to BXA. The information is used to determine if an exception to either requirement would be appropriate.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 13, 1997

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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