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Dated: May 9, 2013.

Rex A. Barnes,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2013-0020]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and subcommittees on June 4-6, 2013. The Committee will discuss: (1) Control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections, (2) Study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions, and (3) Application of NACMCF recommendations to the Agricultural Marketing Service, Federal Ground Beef Purchase Program.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013

from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Subcommittee on Control Strategies for Reducing Foodborne Norovirus Infections and the Subcommittee on Study of Microbiological Criteria as Indicators of Process Control or Insanitary Conditions will hold concurrent open meetings on Tuesday, June 4, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, and Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The June 4-6, 2013, full Committee and subcommittee meetings will be held at the Patriots Plaza 3, 1st Floor Auditorium and Conference Rooms, respectively, 355 E. Street SW., Washington, DC 20024. All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, USDA, 355 E. Street SW., Patriots Plaza 3, Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Federal_Register_Notices/index.asp.

FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_Events/. Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required for Committee discussions; thus, sessions could start or end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend a particular session or participate in a public comment period.

Also, the official transcript of the June 4, 2013, full Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/.

The mailing address for the contact person is: Karen Thomas-Sharp, USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Patriots Plaza 3, Mailstop 3777, Room 9-47, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the June 4, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas: Phone: (202) 690-6620; Fax (202) 690-6334; Email: Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Thomas by May 28, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS Internet Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Elisabeth A. Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Mr. Michael Landa, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Ms. Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

At the subcommittee meetings the week of June 4-6, 2013, the groups will discuss:

- Control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections, and
- Study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions.

Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

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Done at Washington, DC, on: May 8, 2013.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: USDA announces the availability of grants through the Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program (RBOG) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. Public bodies, nonprofit corporations, institutions of higher education, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations and other Federally Recognized Native American Tribes or tribal groups, and rural cooperatives may apply. Approximately \$2.6 million is available in reserved and unreserved funding and will be distributed as follows: \$919,820 is reserved for projects benefitting Federally Recognized Native American Tribes ("Native American") in rural areas; \$919,820 is reserved until June 30, 2013 for projects benefitting Rural Economic Area Partnerships ("Partnerships"); and \$790,303 is unreserved. Any Partnership funds unobligated after June 30, 2013, will be added to the unreserved funds. Applications, including those for multi-state projects, are limited to \$100,000 or less. See 7 CFR part 4284, subpart G.

DATES: Complete applications must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 28, 2013, to be eligible for FY 2013 grant funding. An applicant may also hand carry their application to Rural Development field office, but it must be received by close of business on the deadline date. Please note that if you are applying for Partnership funds, your

application must be received prior to the June 30, 2013, reservation of funds deadline date. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2013 grant funding.

If you would like to submit an electronic application, you must follow the instructions for the RBOG funding announcement on www.grants.gov. If you would like to submit an electronic application, your application must be received by <http://www.grants.gov> no later than midnight eastern time June 24, 2013, to be eligible for FY 2013 grant funding. Please note that if you are applying for Partnership funds, your application must be received prior to the June 30, 2013, reservation of funds deadline date. You should review the Grants.gov Web site at http://grants.gov/applicants/organization_registration.jsp for instructions on the process of registering your organization as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to meet the electronic application deadline.

If you do not meet the deadline for submitting an electronic application, you may submit a paper application by the deadline as discussed above. Late applications will not be eligible for FY 2013 grant funding.

ADDRESSES: You should contact a Rural Development State Office if you have questions or need a copy of the application forms. Applications may be submitted in electronic or paper format. If you submit an electronic application, you must follow the instructions for the RBOG funding announcement on www.grants.gov. If you want to submit a paper application, the application should be sent to the State Office located in the State where the project is located. In the case of a multi-state project, you must submit your application to the Rural Development State Office located in the State where the majority of the work will be conducted. You can find the address for your Rural Development State Office at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., MS-3250, Room 4016-South, Washington, DC 20250-3250, (202) 720-7558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS).

Funding Opportunity Type: Rural Business Opportunity Grants.