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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Draft Environmental Assessment for the Cotton Quality Research Station Land Transfer

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Cotton Quality Research Station Land Transfer.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed transfer of approximately 10 acres of land and facilities at the Cotton Quality Research Station (CQRS) from the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Clemson, South Carolina, to Clemson University Research Farm Services. This notice is announcing the opening of a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 17, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the proposed CQRS Land Transfer by any of the following methods: Email: cal.mather@ars.usda.gov, Fax: 309-681-6683. Mail: USDA-ARS-SHEMB, NCAUR, 1815 North University Avenue, Room 2016, Peoria, Illinois 61604. Copies of the Draft EA for the proposed CQRS Land Transfer are available for public inspection at the following Web site and addresses:

- www.clemson.edu/usda-property.
- Former CQRS, 133 Old Cherry Road, Clemson, South Carolina 29631.
- Clemson University Library, 116 Sigma Drive, Clemson, South Carolina, 29634.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cal Mather, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA-ARS-SHEMB, NCAUR, 1815 North University Street, Room 2016, Peoria, Illinois 61604; 309-681-6608.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA is proposing to transfer approximately 10 acres of land and facilities at CQRS, 133 Old Cherry Road in Clemson, South Carolina, to Clemson University. As a condition of the transfer, Clemson University is committed to using the property for agricultural research for a period of 25 years, supporting the strategic goals of USDA and establishing a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, effective March 27, 2013. Clemson University would assume responsibility and maintenance of the constructed facilities and land to be conveyed from USDA. The property was developed to function as a cotton gin and was converted by USDA for use in their Agricultural Research Service (ARS) program. USDA/ARS and Clemson University have both utilized the property for agricultural research and development programs since the 1970s. The facility was closed under Public Law (Pub. L.) 112-55, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012. In August 2012, a 5-year revocable permit was issued between USDA and Clemson University that allows Clemson University to utilize the Property for a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program and conduct a wide range of research, teaching, extension, and demonstration activities. Since August 2012 it has been operated by Clemson University under this permit. A Memorandum of Understanding was executed on March 27, 2013, that would allow the formal transfer of the Property from USDA to Clemson University. Under the terms of the Public Law, the Secretary of Agriculture will decide whether to formally transfer the Property from USDA to Clemson University or have USDA retain the possession of the Property. If the decision is made to transfer the Property, it will be done with no monetary cost to the University and a Quit Claim Deed will be prepared by the USDA to convey the title/property rights to Clemson University. The Quit Claim Deed would incorporate any use restrictions identified by the NEPA

process, as well as the 25-year use restriction for agricultural and natural resources research as required by Section 732 of the Public Law. Two alternatives are analyzed in the Draft EA, the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. The draft EA addresses potential impacts of these alternatives on the natural and human environment.

- **Alternative 1—No Action.** The USDA would retain possession of the 10 acres of land and facilities at the 133 Old Cherry Road Property. USDA would no longer operate and/or maintain the property and current research operations at the property would cease. USDA does not have adequate resources to operate and/or maintain the property, which would likely fall into disrepair.

- **Alternative 2—Proposed Action.** The USDA would formerly transfer 10 acres of land at the 133 Old Cherry Road Property to Clemson University. As a condition of the transfer, Clemson University would commit to using the Property for agricultural and natural resources research for a period of 25 years, supporting the strategic goals of USDA and establishing a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program. Clemson University would assume responsibility and maintenance of the constructed facilities and land to be conveyed from USDA.

In addition, one alternative was considered in the Draft EA but eliminated from detailed study. In this alternative, USDA would retain possession of the land and it would be transferred to the General Services Administration for disposal. Since it cannot reasonably be determined who would ultimately take possession of the property and how it would be utilized, it was not analyzed in detail in the EA. The USDA will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470(f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3)). Following the public comment period, comments will be used to prepare the Final EA. The USDA will respond to each substantive comment by making appropriate revisions to the document or by explaining why a comment did not warrant a change. A Notice of Availability of the Final EA will be published in the **Federal Register**. All comments, including any personal

identifying information included in the comment will become a matter of public record. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: July 10, 2013.

Edward B. Knipling,
Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.
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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, intends to grant to Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co. of Louisiana, Missouri, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/506,771, "APRICOT TREE 'TWOCOT'", filed on May 16, 2012.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 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 in 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 as Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co. of Louisiana, Missouri 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.

Robert Griesbach,
Deputy Assistant Administrator.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 9:30 a.m. CST and adjourn at 11:00 a.m. CST on July 30, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to allow Committee members the opportunity to discuss and vote on two project proposals: Civil Rights Issues Facing Immigrants in Illinois and Monitoring Food Deserts in Chicago: An Update. The Committee will also discuss the preparatory subcommittee work involving its project on religious discrimination in Illinois prisons. Finally, the meeting will include an orientation to new members.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-417-8465, conference ID: 6013056. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by August 14, 2013. The address is US Commission on Civil Rights, Midwestern Regional Office, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603. Comments may be emailed to callen@usccr.gov. Records generated by this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting, and they will be uploaded onto the database at www.facadatabase.gov. Persons interested in the work of this advisory

committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Chicago, IL, July 12, 2013.

David Mussatt,
Acting Chief, Regional Programs
Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-73-2013]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 41— Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Broan- NuTone LLC (Home Ventilation Products and Heaters), Hartford, Wisconsin

Broan-NuTone, LLC (Broan-NuTone) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Hartford, Wisconsin within Subzone 41L. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 26, 2013.

The Broan-NuTone facility is used for the manufacturing and distribution of residential range hoods, subassemblies or component parts for centrifugal blowers, ceiling exhaust fans, wall or ceiling heaters, blower assemblies and roof and wall caps. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Broan-NuTone from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Broan-NuTone would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to range hoods/down drafts, blower assemblies, ceiling exhaust fans for permanent installation, roof/wall caps and heaters (floor, wall or ceiling) (duty rate ranges from free to 4.7%) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.