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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-097-1]

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice of a meeting of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held at the World Congress Center, Room 204 Red East, Atlanta, GA; (404) 223-4300. The General Conference Committee will meet on January 22, 1997 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, NPIP, VS, APHIS, 1500 Klondike Road, Suite A 102, Conyers, GA 30207, (770) 922-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), representing cooperating State agencies and poultry industry members, serves an essential function by acting as liaison between the poultry industry and the Department in matters pertaining to poultry health.

Tentative topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting include:

1. The Georgia pullorum-typhoid study of susceptibility in the ostrich.
2. Technical evaluation of the current pullorum-typhoid serological assays as they apply to the ostrich.
3. Technical review of alternative testing for pullorum-typhoid at the hatchery for the ostrich.
4. California's ostrich health program.
5. Ratite diseases.

6. USDA import requirements for the ostrich.

7. Export requirements for the ostrich (China and Taiwan).

8. Proposed changes to the provisions of the NPIP.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, due to time constraints, the public will not be allowed to participate in the committee's discussions. Written statements on the meeting topics may be filed with the committee before or after the meeting by sending them to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Written statements may also be filed at the meeting. Please refer to Docket No. 96-097-1 when submitting your statements.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Done in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of January 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Rural Housing Service

Housing Preservation Grants

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas, and to assist rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes to repair and rehabilitate their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations found in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which requires the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of preapplications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The intended effect of this Notice is to provide eligible organizations notice of these dates.

DATES: RHS hereby announces that it will begin receiving preapplications on January 7, 1997. The closing date for acceptance by RHS of preapplications is April 7, 1997. This period will be the only time during the current fiscal year that RHS accepts preapplications. Preapplications must be received by or postmarked on or before the closing date.

ADDRESSES: Submit preapplications to Rural Development servicing offices for the HPG program; applicants must contact their Rural Development State Office for this information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue M. Harris-Green, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, USDA, Room 5337, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1606. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N provides details on what information must be contained in the preapplication package. Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. Eligible entities for these competitively awarded grants include State and local governments, nonprofit corporations, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, and consortia of eligible entities.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.433, Housing Preservation Grants. This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V). Applicants are also referred to 7 CFR 1944.674 and 1944.676 (d) and (e) for specific guidance on these requirements relative to the HPG program.

The funding instrument for the HPG program will be a grant agreement. The term of the grant can vary from 1 to 2 years, depending on available funds and demand. No maximum or minimum grant levels have been established, although based on fiscal year (FY) 1997 funding availability, the Agency anticipates that the average grant will be \$50,000 for a 1-year proposal. For FY 97, \$7,063,000 is available and has been distributed under a formula allocation to States pursuant to 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L, "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant

Program Funds." Decisions on funding will be based on the preapplications, and notices of action on the preapplications should be made no earlier than 66 days prior to the closing date.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

Eileen M. Fitzgerald,
Acting Associate Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions

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

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 27 and October 25, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 50804 and 55268) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

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 service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. 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 service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and service are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodities

Cap, Garrison, Men's, Army Enlisted
8405-01-334-1493 thru -1505
(20% of the Government's requirement)

Service

Janitorial/Custodial, Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

G. John Heyer,
General Counsel.

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Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: February 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (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.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the 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 services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 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 services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Library Services, Basewide, Beale Air Force Base, California

NPA: Yolo Employment Services, Woodland, California

Publication Distribution Services, Beale Air Force Base, California

NPA: Yolo Employment Services, Woodland, California

Temporary Administrative/General Support Services for GSA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and the National Capitol Region (Up to 50% of the Government's requirement)

NPA: (the following is not a complete list)
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, DC

The Chicago Lighthouse for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, Illinois

Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind, Seattle, Washington

Alabama Industries for the Blind, Talladega, Alabama

Arizona Industries for the Blind, Phoenix, Arizona

Fedcap Rehabilitation Service, Inc., New York, New York

Brevard Achievement Center, Inc., Rockledge, Florida

Challenge Unlimited, Inc., Alton, Illinois
Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, Inc., Minot, North Dakota

Yuma Work Center, Inc., Yuma, Arizona