

The tentative agenda for the teleconference meeting includes: (1) Welcome and opening remarks; (2) Action on general recommendations from Board minutes of May 1, 2008 teleconference meeting, (3) Financial status of the PVP Office, (4) PVP Office information technology infrastructure, (5) PVP outreach activities, and (6) Adjournment.

The public may attend the teleconference at the following address: USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service Conference Room, Room 3074, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All attendees are required to register with the PVP Office at 301-504-5518 before September 5, 2008. Identification will be required to be admitted to the USDA's South Building.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation should be directed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Minutes of the teleconference will be posted on the Internet Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/PVPO>.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2008-0030]

#### National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and Subcommittees on September 22-26, 2008. The Committee will discuss: (1) Parameters for inoculated-pack challenge study protocols, and (2) Determination of the most appropriate technologies for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to adopt in performing routine and baseline microbiological analyses.

**DATES:** The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Friday, September 26, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Subcommittee on parameters for inoculated-pack challenge study protocols will hold open meetings on

Monday, September 22, and Tuesday, September 23, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Subcommittee on determination of the most appropriate technologies for the FSIS to adopt in performing routine and baseline microbiological analyses will hold open meetings on Wednesday, September 24, and Thursday, September 25, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The September 22-25, 2008, Subcommittee meetings will be held at the Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Rooms 369-371, Washington, DC 20024. The September 26, 2008, full Committee meeting will be held in the conference room at the south end of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cafeteria located in the South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2534 South Building, Washington, DC 20250, 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/2008\\_Notices\\_Index/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2008_Notices_Index/).

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/](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 September 26, 2008, 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/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/).

The mailing address for the contact person is: Karen Thomas-Sharp, U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., 333 Aerospace Center, Washington, DC 20250-3766.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the September 26, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas-Sharp, phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202) 690-6334, e-mail [Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov),

or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mrs. Thomas-Sharp by September 17, 2008.

#### 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/](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. H. Scott Hurd, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Stephen Sundlof, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

- At the subcommittee meetings the week of September 22-25, 2008 the groups will discuss:

- Parameters for inoculated-pack challenge study protocols, and
- Determination of the most appropriate technologies for the FSIS to adopt in performing routine and baseline microbiological analyses.

##### Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

FSIS intends to make available to the public all materials that are reviewed and considered by NACMCF regarding its deliberations. Generally, these materials will be made available as soon as possible after the full Committee meeting. Further, FSIS intends to make these materials available in electronic format on the FSIS Web page, as well as

in hard copy format in the FSIS Docket Room. Often, an attempt is made to make the materials available at the start of the full Committee meeting when sufficient time is allowed in advance to do so.

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#### Additional Public Notification

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they have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC on August 19, 2008.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**

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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 products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 21, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly M. Zeich, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail [CMTEFedReg@jwod.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@jwod.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Additions

On June 20 and June 27, 2008, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (73 FR35118; 35119; 36492) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

*The following comments pertain to Bulletin Rails; Bulletin Board; and Marker Board, Wall Mounted:*

Comments were received from a contractor that provides some of the same commodities and is an authorized distributor of AbilityOne products. The contractor stated that adding the proposed products to the Procurement List will have a significantly adverse effect on her company. However, the contractor did not demonstrate that her firm holds a contract specifically for the proposed products versus holding a multiple award contract for a broad category of products such as office supplies. The Committee determined that its action will not have a severe adverse impact on this contractor, as the company continues to be able to do business with the government and may

sell the AbilityOne products in lieu of commercial equivalents to its federal customers.

Comments were received from a manufacturer's representative group, stating that the addition of the proposed products to the Procurement List will have significant impact on her business and a substantial number of small entities who can no longer sell commercial equivalent products to federal customers. The commenter stated that companies are struggling to survive in the current economy without having to compete with AbilityOne. The commenter questioned whether the products would in fact be produced with 75% direct labor from people who are blind and whether the products would be compliant with the Trade Agreements Act (TAA).

The commenter did not support the claim that there was significant impact on her business with specific contract or financial information. As stated above, large and small office supply dealers will continue to be able to do business with the government if they become authorized to sell the AbilityOne manufactured products in the place of commercial equivalents. In addition, the AbilityOne Program pertains to federal purchasing, which is a small share of the U.S. market for office supplies. The nonprofit agency designated to manufacture the proposed products is in full compliance with Committee regulations for direct labor by people who are blind, and proposes to manufacture the subject items with 81% direct labor provided by people who are blind, creating over 10 new jobs annually for these individuals. The production will include several cutting functions, assembling, attaching/ including hardware and packaging the products, constituting a substantial transformation. The resulting products, once added to the Procurement List, will be compliant with the TAA.

*The following comment pertains to Stapler, Spring Power:*

A comment was received from an AbilityOne nonprofit agency employing persons with severe disabilities that currently supplies staplers under the AbilityOne Program to Federal customers. In its comment, the nonprofit stated that the addition of the spring powered staplers would have a significant negative impact on its current line of staplers and indicated that the spring powered staplers should be awarded to them as a product line extension.

The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act establishes a clear priority for products produced and offered for sale by qualified nonprofit agencies for the