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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agriculture Marketing Service

[AMS-TM-08-0086; TM-08-10]

#### Notice of 2008 National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Services, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice invites all States of the United States of America, its territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, (collectively hereinafter called States) to submit an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the allocation of National Organic Certification Cost-Share Funds. The AMS has allocated \$22.0 million for this organic certification cost-share program commencing in Fiscal Year 2008. Funds are available under this program to interested States to assist organic producers and handlers certified under the National Organic Program (NOP), as appropriate. States interested in obtaining cost-share funds must submit an Application for Federal Assistance and enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for allocation of funds.

**DATES:** Completed applications for federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by September 29, 2008, in order to participate in the program.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be requested from and submitted to: Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4008-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Fax: (202) 205-7808. Additional information may be found through the National Organic Program's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TM/NOP, Room 4008-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400

Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Fax: (202) 205-7808.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 6523, as amended by section 10301 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Act). The Act authorizes the Department to provide certification cost share assistance to producers and handlers of organic agricultural products in all States. The AMS has allocated \$22 million for this program. The Program provides financial assistance to organic producers and handlers certified to the NOP. The NOP is authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*).

To participate in the program, interested States must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic producers and handlers receiving certification or continuation of certification by a USDA-accredited certifying agent commencing October 1, 2008. Under the Act payments are limited to 75 percent of an individual producer's or handler's certification costs up to a maximum of \$750.00 per year.

However, for producers in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming cost share funding is available to these states under the Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program authorized under Section 1524 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1501-1524). As provided in a notice of Funds Availability published in the **Federal Register** on August 28, 2008, at 73 FR 50756, completed applications for this federal assistance program, along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by close of business, September 15, 2008. Information on this program can be found on the NOP's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 6523.

Dated: September 16, 2008.

**Lloyd C. Day,**

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC (Midcontinent); Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Docket Nos. CP08-6-000, PF07-4-000 FERC EIS 0220F; May 2008

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided to subordinate its rights, acquired under the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), to allow the Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC (Midcontinent), to cross NRCS held conservations easements associated with the Midcontinent Project in Madison Parish, LA and Fannin County, Texas.

On October 9, 2007, Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC (Midcontinent) filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate a pipeline and facilities to be known as the Midcontinent Express Pipeline.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) to fulfill requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this document was to make public the analysis of the environmental impacts that would likely result from the construction and operation of the proposed Project. The NRCS participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

The project will affect approximately 5 NRCS held Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easements by creating a 50 ft. permanent right of way (within a 100 ft. construction right of way) that extends for approximately 506 miles of which 1.41 miles is over lands encumbered under WRP easements located in Madison Parish, Louisiana and Fannin, Texas.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin D. Norton, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

A limited number of copies of the Record of Decisions (ROD) are available

to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data evaluated for the ROD are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Kevin D. Norton.

Dated: September 8, 2008.

**Kevin D. Norton,**

*State Conservationist.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, September 30, 2008; 11 a.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** Via Teleconference: Public Dial In-1-800-597-7623, Conference ID# 65389894.

### Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Program Planning

- FY 2008 Statutory Report: Enforcing Religious Freedom in Prison
- FY 2009 Briefing Topic: Employers' Rights to Specify English as the Language of the Workplace

III. Future Agenda Items

IV. Adjourn

### CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION:** Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8582.

Dated: September 18, 2008.

**David Blackwood,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 49-2008]

### Foreign-Trade Zone 84 Houston, Texas, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Port of Houston Authority, grantee of FTZ 84, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Houston, Texas, area, adjacent to the Houston CBP port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on September 10, 2008.

FTZ 84 was approved on July 15, 1983 (Board Order 214, 48 FR 34792, 8/1/83). The zone was expanded on December 24, 1991 (Board Order 551, 57 FR 42, 1/2/92), on December 23, 1993 (Board Order 670, 59 FR 61, 1/3/94), on August 24, 2000 (Board Order 1115, 65 FR 54197, 9/7/00), on March 21, 2003 (Board Order 1271, 68 FR 15431, 3/31/03), and on May 14, 2003 (Board Order 1277, 68 FR 27987, 5/22/03).

The general-purpose zone currently consists of 16 sites (1,799 acres) at port facilities, industrial parks and warehouse facilities in Houston and the Harris County area. The sites -- which are in Houston unless otherwise stated -- are as follows: *Site 1* (421 acres)--Houston Ship Channel Turning Basin, Clinton Drive at Highway 610 East Loop; *Site 2* (97 acres)--Houston Ship Channel (Bulk Materials Handling Plant), north bank between Greens Bayou and Penn City Road; *Site 3* (99 acres)--Barbours Cut Turning Basin, Highway 146 at Highway 225; *Site 4* (4 acres)--Cargoways Logistics (formerly Dynamic Warehousing and Trucking), 1201 Hahlo Street; *Site 5* (8 acres)--Timco Scrap Processing (formerly Port Houston Storage Depot), 6747 Avenue W; *Site 6* (73 acres)--Odfjell Terminals (formerly Baytank (Houston), Inc.), 12211 Port Road; *Site 7* (126 acres)--Jacintoport Terminal, Houston Ship Channel, 16398 Jacintoport Blvd.; *Site 8* (162 acres)--Central Green Business Park, 16638 Air Center Blvd.; *Site 9* (72 acres)--Manchester Terminal Corporation, 10000 Manchester; *Site 10* (14 acres)--13609 Industrial Road, within the Greens Port Industrial Park along the Houston Ship Channel; *Site 11* (269 acres)--Oiltanking, Inc., 15602 Jacintoport Boulevard; *Site 12* (146 acres)--Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal LLC, Clinton Drive at Panther Creek and North Witter Street at Bayou Street; *Site 13* (18 acres)--Exel Logistics, Inc., 8833 City Park Loop Street; *Site 14* (22 acres)--George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Fuel Storage Road, Houston jet fuel storage and distribution system; *Site 15* (196 acres)--Magellan Midstream Partners, liquid bulk facility, 12901 American Petroleum Road, Galena Park, Harris County; and, *Site 16* (72 acres)--Katoen Natie Gulf Coast Warehousing Complex, Miller Road Cutoff and U.S. Highway 225, Harris County.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include six additional sites (980 acres) in the Houston and Harris County area: *Proposed Site 17* (172 acres total, 2 parcels)--within the Highway 225 Industrial Development: Underwood Industrial Park (162 acres), located at 2820 East 13th Street, Deer Park, and

Battleground Business Park (10 acres), located at the corner of Porter Road and Old Underwood Road, La Porte; *Proposed Site 18* (106 acres)--Bay Area Business Park, located at Red Bluff Road and Bay Area Boulevard, Pasadena; *Proposed Site 19* (190 acres)--Republic Distribution Center, located on the corner of Red Bluff Road and Choate Road, Pasadena; *Proposed Site 20* (299 acres)--Port Crossing Industrial Park, located along McCabe Road and State Highway 146, La Porte; *Proposed Site 21* (67 acres)--Port of Houston Authority's Care Terminal, located at 16800 Peninsula Boulevard, Houston; and, *Proposed Site 22* (146 acres)--Port of Houston Authority's Beltway 8 Tract, located at the corner of East Belt Drive and Jacintoport Boulevard, Houston. The sites will provide public warehousing and distribution services to area businesses. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Kathleen Boyce of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is November 21, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 8, 2008.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 1919 Smith Street, Suite 1026, Houston, Texas 77002; and, the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

For further information, contact Kathleen Boyce at 202-482-1346 or Kathleen\_Boyce@ita.doc.gov.

Dated: September 10, 2008.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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