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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics; Nomination Solicitation

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Nomination Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for vacancies on the National Research, Education, Extension and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Submit nomination responses on or before August 15, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 30 members on the National Research, Education, Extension, and Economics Advisory Board were appointed in 1996 with each member having a 1, 2, or 3-year term. The Department is seeking nominations for the following 10 vacancies representing the following categories:

- Category A: National Farm Organizations
- Category C: Food Animal Commodity Producers
- Category F: National Crop Commodity Organizations
- Category K: National Human Health Associations
- Category P: Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Category Q: American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine
- Category S: Transportation of Food and Agriculture Products (foreign and domestic)
- Category U: Food and Fiber Processors
- Category Z: International Development/Private Sector Organizations
- Category CC: National Social Science Associations

The incumbents in these categories can be reappointed. However, the Department seeks nominations for these vacancies and all nominations will be considered. Equal opportunity practice,

in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Board. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Comments: The public may file nominations by submitting OMB form 0505-0001 to the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, USDA, Room 217W, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington DC. 20250-2200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitch Geasler, Room 212W, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building or phone (202) 720-3803.

Done at Washington DC, this 21st Day of July, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-068-1]

Regulatory Science and Risk Analysis in Agriculture; Public Conference

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public conference and request for agenda topics.

SUMMARY: The new USDA Center for Excellence in Regulatory Science and Risk Analysis at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is holding a public conference on current models and emerging trends in agricultural regulation. The target audience for this conference includes persons from industry, academia, public interest groups, and Federal and State government who are interested in understanding and improving the regulatory process for agricultural issues. The agenda for this conference is still being planned and suggestions for topics of general interest are requested.

PLACE, DATES, AND TIME OF MEETING: The conference will be held at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, AR, on September 16 and 17, 1997. If you plan to attend the conference, please register by August 19, 1997. Lodging for conference attendees is available at a special conference rate at the Holiday Inn-Pine Bluff, 2 Convention Center Plaza, Pine Bluff, AR 71601-5066 (telephone 501-535-3111).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the conference, or for further information about it, contact Cecil Oliver, Regulatory Science Center of Excellence, School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, P.O. Box 4990, Pine Bluff, AR; (501) 543-8564. To post or review suggested topics for the conference agenda, access the World Wide Web address <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/conference>. You may also mail suggested topics to Docket No. 97-068-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238; or e-mail them to rkelly@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA Center for Excellence in Regulatory Science and Risk Analysis at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (the Center) exists to merge the experience of university faculty and Federal agencies in conducting research and outreach education that advances understanding of, and compliance with, Federal statutes. The Center brings together professionals from academic, government, industry, and public interest environments to explore regulatory issues, identify useful regulatory tools, and develop strategies to more effectively meet the goals of regulatory agencies and the public interest in a world where agricultural issues and policies are rapidly changing.

The United States Department of Agriculture believes its partnership with the Center supports worthwhile advances in the quality of regulatory science, and that the Center may also serve as the host for activities that develop strategies and tools that contribute to discussing and analyzing individual regulatory issues.

The upcoming Conference on Regulatory Science and Risk Assessment in Agriculture has two primary objectives: