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Done at Washington, D.C., this 7th day of October 1997.

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Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics

Notice of Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and

Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, currently consisting of 14 members, is scheduled to meet for the third of eight planned meetings. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Presidio of San Francisco Military Reserve, San Francisco, California, beginning at 1 p.m. on December 2 and concluding at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 4. The meeting will be a review of progress of the Task Force and will devote 1 day to a discussion regarding Federal, state and private roles in agricultural research. Anticipated is a tour of the Western Region Nutrition Laboratory and presentations by Agricultural Research Service, Forest Service, and university officials.

Times and Dates: December 2, 1997, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; December 3, 1997, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and December 4, 1997, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: Presidio of San Francisco Military Reserve, San Francisco, CA 94133.

Type of Meeting: Open to the Public. Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitch Geasler, Project Director, Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, Room 212–W, Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400

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 Great Lakes IPM, Inc., of Vestaburg, Michigan, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent 5,607,670, issued March 4, 1997, entitled "Sex Attractant for the Cranberry Fruitworm." Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on December 14, 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC—West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–2350.

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 to 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 Great Lakes IPM, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective license will be royaltybearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) 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.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment

Request—Report of Coupon Issuance and Commodity Distribution for Disaster Relief

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service,

USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is an extension of a collection currently approved for the Food Stamp Program and the Food Distribution Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 22, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Alan Rich, Data Base Monitoring Branch, Program Information Division, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.