

substance satisfactory to the Secretary, sufficient to identify baselines, benchmark goals, benchmark activities and timetables for the implementation of the strategic plan during the applicable 2 years of the workplan.

6. Pursuant to the strategic plan, the lead entity for the [Empowerment Zone] [Enterprise Community], _____ [name of lead entity] _____, located at _____ [address] _____, is responsible for the implementation of the strategic plan. The current director of the lead entity, who is duly authorized to execute this agreement, is _____ [name] _____.

7. The use of USDA Rural EZ/EC Grant funds will be directed by the lead entity, in accordance with the strategic plan. The USDA Rural Development State Office will distribute the funds according to the directives of the lead entity, provided that such actions are consistent with the USDA approved strategic plan and USDA grant procedures.

8. The lead entity agrees to timely comply with the reporting requirements contained in 7 CFR part 25, including reporting on progress made in carrying out actions necessary to implement the requirements of the strategic plan and any assurances, certifications, schedules or other submissions made in connection with the designation.

9. The lead entity agrees to submit to periodic performance reviews by USDA in accordance with the provisions of 7 CFR §§ 25.402 and 25.404. Upon request by USDA, the lead entity will permit representatives of USDA to inspect and make copies of any records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement.

10. Each year after the execution of this Agreement, the lead entity will submit updated documentation sufficient to identify baselines, benchmark goals and activities and timetables for the implementation of the strategic plan during the following 2 years.

Upon written acceptance from USDA, such documentation shall become part of this Agreement and shall replace the documentation submitted previously, for purposes of operations during the following 2 years.

11. All benchmark goals, benchmark activities, baselines, and schedules approved by the [Empowerment Zone][Enterprise Community] after a full community participation process (which must be documented and which may be further amended or supplemented from time to time), will be incorporated as part of this Agreement. All references to the strategic plan in this memorandum of agreement shall be deemed to refer to the strategic plan as modified in accordance with this paragraph.

12. Amendments to the strategic plan may be made only with the approval of the [Empowerment Zone][Enterprise Community] and USDA. The lead entity must demonstrate to USDA that the local governments within the [Empowerment Zone][Enterprise Community] were involved in the amendment process.

13. All attachments and submissions in accordance herewith are incorporated as part of this Agreement.

This Agreement is dated _____.

State Government: State of _____

By: _____ [official authorized to commit the state] _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Empowerment Zone [Name of Empowerment Zone]

Enterprise Community [Name of Enterprise Community]

By: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Lead entity: [Name of Lead Entity]

By: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Federal Government: United States Department of Agriculture

By: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-99-06]

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name: Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee.

Date: June 25, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Tobacco Programs, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation Building, Room 223, 1306 Annapolis Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608.

Purpose: To establish submarketing areas, discuss selling schedules, recommend opening dates, and other related matters for the 1999 flue-cured tobacco marketing season.

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact John P. Duncan III, Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 502 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 205-0567, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before, at, or after the meeting. If you need any accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact the Tobacco Programs at (202) 205-0567 by June 16, 1999, and inform us of your needs.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

William O. Coats,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TM-99-00-2]

Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

DATES: June 8, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; June 9, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and, June 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST).

PLACE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3109-South Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 720-3252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Jones, Program Manager, Room 2945-South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, Transportation and Marketing, National Organic Program, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, Phone: (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992 and currently has seven committees working on various aspects of the program. The committees are: Crops Standards; Processing; Labeling and Packaging; Livestock Standards; Accreditation; Materials; and, International Issues.

In August 1994, NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture and since that time it has submitted 30 addenda to the recommendations and reviewed more than 170 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited

Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held February 9–11, 1999, in Washington, DC.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its proposed rule for the NOP in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65849). A notice extending the comment period on the proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 1998 (63 FR 6498–6499). The comment period was extended until April 30, 1998. On October 28, 1998, three issue papers for which public comment was requested by USDA were published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 57624–57626). These papers addressed certain issues raised during the NOP's proposed rule's comment period. The issue papers were: Issue Paper 1—Livestock Confinement in Organic Production Systems; Issue Paper 2—The Use of Antibiotics and Parasiticides in Organic Livestock Production; and Issue Paper 3—Termination of Certification by Private Certifiers. Comments received on these papers are being considered during the development of a revised NOP proposed rule. The comment period for the issue papers closed December 14, 1998.

PURPOSE AND AGENDA: The principal purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for NOSB to receive committee reports from its standing and ad hoc committees and address issues that arose from the February 1999 NOSB meeting. These issues include, wild caught salmon, the NOP recommendations on manure use in vegetable production, a mock materials review, and enforcement criteria. At the meeting the Agency will give a status report on the proposed rule, report on the 27th Codex Committee meeting on Food Labeling, and report on other trade related issues. Copies of the NOSB meeting agenda can be requested from Karen Thomas, Room 2510-South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AMS, Transportation and Marketing, National Organic Program, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090–6456, or by phone at (202) 690–3655, or by accessing the NOP website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

TYPE OF MEETING: All meetings will be open to the public. NOSB has scheduled time for public input on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Room 3109–S. Individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting should forward their request to Ms. Thomas at the above address, or by FAX to (202) 205–7808, by the close of business June 4, 1999. While persons wishing to make a presentation may sign up at the door,

advance registration will ensure an opportunity to speak during the allotted time period, and will help the NOSB to better manage the meeting and accomplish its agenda. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making an oral presentation are requested to provide their comments in writing, if possible. Written submissions may supplement any oral presentation that is made at the meeting. Attendees who do not wish to make an oral presentation are invited to submit written comments to the NOSB at the meeting, or to Ms. Thomas after the meeting at the above address. All persons submitting written comments should provide 20 copies.

Dated: May 21, 1999.

Eileen S. Stommes,

Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Idaho

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Idaho, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a proposed change in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Idaho for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Idaho to issue six revised conservation practices in Section IV of the FOTG that may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and one that may be used in any conservation system. The revised standards are Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328); Residue Management No Till/Strip Till (Code 329A); Residue Management Mulch Till (Code 329B); Residue Management Ridge Till (Code 329C); Residue Management Seasonal (Code 344); Chiseling and Subsoiling (Code 324); Contour Farming (Code 330); and Nutrient Management (Code 590).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before June 24, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request to Lee E. Brooks, Assistant State Conservationist, Technology, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 9173 W.

Barnes Dr., Suite C, Boise, ID 83709–1574 (phone 208–378–5720). Electronic requests and comments can be submitted to nrcs@id.usda.gov, Attention Lee Brooks.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that after enactment of the law, revisions made to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, NRCS in Idaho will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS in Idaho regarding disposition of these comments, and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

Gary Pfeifle,

Assistant State Conservationist, Boise, Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; Solicitation of Nominations of Board Members

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice: Invitation to submit nominations.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces that it is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center for three directors' positions whose terms are expiring on February 13, 2000. Two of the positions are for those that have expertise in finance and management and the other position is for active producers of sheep or goats. Board members manage and oversee the Center's activities. Nominations may only be submitted by National organizations that consist primarily of active sheep or goat producers in the United States and who have as their primary interest the production of sheep or goats in the United States. Nominating organizations should submit:

- (1) Substantiation that the nominating organization is national in scope,
- (2) The number and percent of members that are active sheep or goat producers,
- (3) Substantiation of the primary interests of the organization, and