

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Proposed Posting of Stockyards**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that 16 facilities now meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and therefore we propose to post signs identifying these facilities as posted stockyards. The purpose of this notice is to inform stockyard owners and the public of the posting status of all these facilities, and to provide an opportunity to comment on whether the facilities should be posted.

DATES: For the proposed posting of stockyards, we will consider comments that we receive by April 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send comments via electronic mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov.
- Mail: Send hardcopy written comments to H. Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1633-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- Fax: Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690-2755.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to: H. Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1643-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181-229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 302 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 202) defines the term “stockyard” as follows:

* * * any place, establishment, or facility commonly known as stockyards, conducted, operated, or managed for profit or nonprofit as a public market for livestock producers, feeders, market agencies, and buyers, consisting of pens, or other inclosures, and their appurtenances, in which live cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats are received, held, or kept for sale or shipment in commerce.

Section 302(b) of the P&S Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet this definition, and to

notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard will be subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposits the stockyard by public notice. To post a stockyard, we assign the stockyard a facility number, notify the owner of the stockyard facility, and send an official posting notice to the owner of the stockyard to post on display in public areas of the stockyard. The entire process is referred to as posting. The date of posting is the date on which the posting notices are physically displayed. A facility that doesn't meet the definition of stockyard in the P&S Act isn't posted and therefore isn't subject to provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. A posted stockyard can be deposited. We deposit a stockyard when the facility can no longer be used as a stockyard.

This document notifies the stockyard owners and the public that the following 16 facilities meet the definition of a stockyard and that we, therefore, propose to post them. If we do not receive comments about these facilities, we expect that they will be posted by DD/MM/YY. If we receive comments that these facilities do not meet the definition of a stockyard, these facilities may not be posted, or the posting may be delayed while we consider the comments.

| Facility number | Stockyard name and location |
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| AL-195 | RS Auctions, Clayton, Alabama. |
| AL-196 | Clay County Goat & Poultry Auction, Goodwater, Alabama. |
| AR-180 | King Livestock Goat and Sheep Auction, North Lonoke, Arkansas. |
| AR-181 | G.P. Rivers d.b.a. Rivers Horse Center, Lewisville, Arkansas. |
| CO-156 | Western Slope Cattlemen's Livestock Auction, LLC, Loma, Colorado. |
| GA-231 | Thomas County Stockyards, Inc., Thomasville, Georgia. |
| MO-288 | CRS Sales LLC, Hughlandville, Missouri. |
| MS-176 | Cuevas Auction, Picayune, Mississippi. |
| NY-176 | Howard W. Visscher, Hilltop Dairy Auction, Savannah, New York. |
| SC-162 | Claxton's Auction Co., LLC, Ruffin, South Carolina. |
| TN-197 | Jimmy Brown d.b.a. JB Livestock Auction, Gleason, Tennessee. |
| TN-198 | Wallace P. Mitchell d.b.a. Mitchell's Trade Center & Auctions, Inc., Castalian Springs, Tennessee. |
| TN-199 | Middle Tennessee Sheep and Goat Sale, LLC, Dickson, Tennessee. |
| TX-350 | Hereford Livestock Exchange, Hereford, Texas. |
| VA-163 | Blythe Livestock, LLC, Courtland, Virginia. |
| WI-150 | Turenne Livestock Market, Thorp, Wisconsin. |

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 202.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Request for Proposals: Fiscal Year 2008 Funding Opportunity for 1890 Land-Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative

AGENCY: Rural Business—Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Initial notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: Business and Cooperative Programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development announces the availability of approximately \$1.5 million in competitive cooperative agreement funds. USDA Rural Development hereby requests proposals from 1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University (1890 Institutions) for competitively awarded cooperative agreements for projects that support USDA Rural Development's goals and objectives of providing technical assistance for business creation in economically challenged rural communities, for educational programs to develop and improve upon the professional skills of rural entrepreneurs, and for outreach and promotion of USDA Rural Development's programs in small rural communities with the greatest economic need. Project proposals must be designed to overcome currently identified economic problems and lead to sustainable economic development. Project proposals that address both traditional and nontraditional business enterprises are encouraged. This initiative seeks to create a working partnership between USDA Rural Development and the 1890 Institutions through cooperative agreements. A cooperative agreement requires substantial involvement of the Government agency in carrying out the objectives of the project.

Cooperative agreements will be awarded to the project proposals receiving the highest scores as determined by a peer review panel of USDA employees knowledgeable of the subject matter. Awards will be made to the extent that funds are available. However, USDA Rural Development is

making no commitment to fund any particular project proposal or to make a specific number of awards. Eligible applicants must provide matching funds equal to at least 25 percent of the total project costs.

DATES: Paper copies of applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than May 12, 2008, to be eligible for FY 2008 funding. Electronic copies of applications must be received by May 12, 2008, to be eligible for FY 2008 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2008 funding.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain application guides and materials for the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative (1890 REOD Initiative) at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/oa/1890.htm> or by contacting Edgar L. Lewis, Program Manager, USDA Rural Development, Cooperative Programs, Mail Stop 3252, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252, telephone: (202) 690-3407, e-mail: edgar.lewis@wdc.usda.gov.

Final paper applications for an 1890 REOD Initiative cooperative agreement may be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service to USDA Rural Development, Attention: 1890 REOD Initiative, Mail Stop 3250, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, or via UPS, FedEx, or similar delivery service to USDA Rural Development, Attention: 1890 REOD Initiative, Room 4016, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. The telephone number that should be used on FedEx or similar packages is (202) 720-7558.

Submit electronic cooperative agreement applications using the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edgar L. Lewis, Program Manager, USDA Rural Development, Cooperative Programs, Mail Stop 3252, Room 4204, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252, Telephone: (202) 690-3407, TDD Federal Information Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339, e-mail: edgar.lewis@wdc.usda.gov, or visit the program Web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/oa/1890.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Agency: Rural Business—Cooperative Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: 1890 Land-Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative (1890 REOD Initiative).

Announcement Type: Initial Announcement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 10.856.

Key Dates: Cooperative agreement applications may be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines.

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than May 12, 2008, to be eligible for FY 2008 funding. Electronic copies must be received by May 12, 2008, to be eligible for FY 2008 funding. Late applications will not be considered for funding.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

This solicitation is issued pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4) and Executive Order 13256 (February 12, 2002), "President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities."

Several other Federal statutes and regulations apply to project proposals considered for review and to cooperative agreements awarded. These include, but are not limited to:

7 CFR part 15, subpart A:

Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Agriculture—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

7 CFR part 15b: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Financial Assistance,

7 CFR part 3015: Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations,

7 CFR part 3017: Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),

7 CFR part 3018: New Restrictions on Lobbying,

7 CFR part 3019: Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations,

7 CFR part 3021: Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance),

7 CFR part 3052: Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

USDA Rural Development was established under the authority of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The mission of USDA Rural Development is to enhance the quality of life for rural Americans by providing leadership in building competitive businesses, including sustainable cooperatives that can prosper in the global marketplace. USDA Rural Development meets these goals by investing financial resources and providing technical assistance to