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Opportunity for Designation in the Champaign (IL), Detroit (MI), Eastern Iowa (IA), Enid (OK), Keokuk (IA), and Michigan (MI) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in March 2004. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is asking persons interested in providing

official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign); Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Detroit); Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa); Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid); Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk); and Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before October 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3604; FAX 202–690–2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence

Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202–720–8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512–1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this Action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Champaign	Champaign, IL	6/01/2001	3/31/2004
Detroit	Emmett, MI	5/01/2001	3/31/2004
Eastern Iowa	Davenport, IA	6/01/2001	3/31/2004
Enid	Enid, OK	6/01/2001	3/31/2004
Keokuk	Keokuk, IA	5/01/2001	3/31/2004
Michigan	Marshall, MI	5/01/2001	3/31/2004

a. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois and Indiana, is assigned to Champaign.

Bounded on the North by the northern Livingston County line from State Route 47; the eastern Livingston County line to the northern Ford County line; the northern Ford and Iroquois County lines east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line south to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 east to U.S. Route 41;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 41 south to the northern Parke County line; the northern Parke and Putnam County lines; the eastern Putnam, Owen and Greene County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Greene County line; the southern Sullivan County line west to U.S. Route 41(150); U.S. Route 41(150) south to U.S. Route 50; U.S. Route 50 west across the Indiana-Illinois State line to Illinois State Route 33; Illinois State Route 33 north and west to the Western Crawford County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Crawford and Clark County lines; the Southern Coles County line; the western Coles and Douglas County lines; the western Champaign County line north to Interstate 72; Interstate 72 southwest to the Piatt County line; the western Piatt County line; the southern McLean County line west to a point 10 miles west of the western Champaign County line, from this point through Arrowsmith to Pontiac along a straight line running north and south which intersects with State Route 116; State Route 116 east to State Route 47; State Route 47 north to the northern Livingston County line.

The following grain elevators, all in Illinois, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Moultrie Grain Association, Cadwell, Moultrie County; Tabor Grain Company (3 elevators), Farmer City, Dewitt County; and Topflight Grain Company,

Monticello, Piatt County (located inside Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

Champaign's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Champaign's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.: Kentland Elevator and Supply, Boswell, Benton County, Indiana; ADM, Dunn, Benton County, Indiana; and ADM, Raub, Benton County, Indiana.

b. Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Michigan, is assigned to Michigan.

Bounded on the North by the northern Clinton County line; the eastern Clinton County line south to State Route 21; State Route 21 east to State Route 52; State Route 52 north to the Shiawassee County line; the northern Shiawassee County line east to the Genesee County line; the western Genesee County line; the northern Genesee County line east to State Route 15; State Route 15 north to Barnes Road; Barnes Road east to