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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

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#### Designation for the Alabama, California, Kankakee (IL), Springfield (IL), and Washington Areas

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act):

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama);  
California Department of Food and Agriculture (California);

Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc.

(Kankakee);

Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc.

(Springfield); and

Washington Department of Agriculture.

(Washington).

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** January 1, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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.

In the June 3, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 38249), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 1, 2002.

Alabama, California, Kankakee, and Washington were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them. There were two applicants for the Springfield area: Springfield applied for all of the area currently assigned to them, and Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk), a designated official agency, applied for Cass and Schuyler Counties. GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for service in the September 3, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 13599). Comments were due by October 1, 2002. GIPSA received no comments by the due date.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Alabama, California, Kankakee, Springfield, and Washington are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 3, 2002, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start—end
Alabama .....	Montgomery, AL, Additional Service Locations: Decatur, Mobile, AL, 334-415-2531 .....	01/01/2003–12/31/2005
California .....	Sacramento, CA, Additional Service Locations: Bell, Corcoran, Imperial, Stockton, West Sacramento, Williams, CA, 916-654-0743.	01/01/2003–12/31/2005
Kankakee .....	Essex, IL, Additional Service Location: Tiskilwa, IL, 815-365-2268 .....	01/01/2003–12/31/2005
Springfield .....	Springfield, IL, 217-522-5278 .....	01/01/2003–12/31/2005
Washington .....	Olympia, WA, Additional Service Locations: Colfax, Kalama, Pacso, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Tumwater, Vancouver, WA, 360-902-1921.	01/01/2003–12/31/2005

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Notice of a Public Meeting on Implementation of Section 9006 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency in the Rural Development Mission Area of the United States Department of Agriculture, will hold a public meeting entitled "Expanding Rural Renewable Energy Systems." The purpose of this event is to initiate a dialogue about how to implement a loan guarantee, direct loan, and grant program to finance