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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will meet October 27–29, 2003.

The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; telephone: (202) 720–3684; fax: (202) 720–6199; or e-mail: dhanfman@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, October 27, 2003, an orientation session for new Board

members will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and at 10:45 a.m. the full Advisory Board will convene for a brief session ending at noon. At noon, Board members will depart for field tours at the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center (Agricultural Research Service) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (Cooperative Service Research, Education, and Extension Service). Tours, which will be open to the public, are scheduled from 12:45 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m. On Tuesday, October 28, 2003, an Advisory Board meeting and focus session, entitled “Food and Nutrition in Obesity Prevention: Implications for Research and Education,” will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. An evening reception and program will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday, October 29, 2003, the focus session will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon.

Done at Washington, DC this 10th day of October 2003.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force.

DATES: The Research, Education, and Economics Task Force will meet on October 27, 2003.

The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: On October 27, the meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn—Washington on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: The Research, Education, and Economics

Task Force; Office of the Under Secretary, Room 214–W, Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Boots, Executive Director, Research, Education, and Economics Task Force; telephone: (202) 690–0826; fax: (202) 690–2842; or email: katie.boots@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, October 27, 2003, the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force will hold a general meeting at The Holiday Inn—Washington on the Hill. The Task Force will continue its evaluation of the merits of establishing one or more National Institutes focused on disciplines important to the progress of food and Agricultural science. In the morning there will be welcoming remarks made by the Chairman of the Task Force, Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor Emeritus, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Washington University in St. Louis, as well as the USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), Dr. Joseph J. Jen. Welcoming remarks will be followed by a discussion about plans for subsequent Task Force meetings; an account of consultations made since the July 31 Task Force meeting; examination of the scope of the REE Task Force Report; characteristics of what an NIH—like institute for agriculture would include; structuring support for such an institute; and preparation for the next Task Force meeting. The Task Force Meeting will adjourn on Monday, October 27 around 4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Due to a delay, this notice could not be published at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. The meeting will be held as scheduled because of the significant sacrifice rescheduling would require of Task Force members who have adjusted their schedules to accommodate the proposed meeting date. Written comments for the public record will be welcomed before and up to two weeks following the Task Force meeting (by close of business Monday, November 10, 2003).

All statements will become part of the official record of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Under

Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

Done at Washington, DC this 15th day of October 2003.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the green cotyledon spring pea variety designated "Stirling" is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to the Washington State University Research Foundation of Pullman, Washington, an exclusive license to this variety.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the *Federal Register*.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

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 intellectual property 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 the Washington State University Research Foundation of Pullman, Washington, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) 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.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection—Rate Quotation for Transportation Services

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Commodity Credit Corporation is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain freight rates to haul agricultural products for the Department of Agriculture.

This information collection will allow CCC to establish the lowest cost of movement, via Motor Carriers and Intermodal Marketing Companies (IMCs), to meet the transportation needs of CCC, for the transportation of commodities.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 22, 2003 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Donna Ryles, Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676; telephone (816) 926-6509; e-mail:

dgryles@kcc.fsa.usda.gov. Comments may be faxed to (816) 926-1648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rate Quotation for Transportation Services.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: CCC, through the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), solicits bids from approved Motor Carriers and Intermodal Marketing Companies for the purpose of providing transportation of agricultural commodities. Motor Carriers provide over the road trucking, and Intermodal Marketing Companies provide rail trailer-on-flatcar/container-on-flatcar (TOFC/COFC) service that CCC hires to meet program transportation needs. Motor Carriers and IMCs that offer rate quotations for transportation services to KCCO Export

Operations Division (EOD) are required to complete and submit the KC-5, Rate Quotation for Transportation Services form. EOD is collecting information to establish the lowest cost of movement via Motor Carriers and IMCs to meet transportation needs of U.S. Department of Agriculture. EOD must ensure that Motor Carriers and IMCs providing the transportation service have both the willingness and the capacity to meet these needs.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Motor Carriers and Intermodal Marketing Companies.

Respondents: 132.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 41.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,353 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments regarding this information collection requirement may be directed to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Donna Ryles, Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676, telephone (816) 926-6509, fax (816) 926-1648. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 8, 2003.

Verle E. Lanier,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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