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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection;

Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice Soliciting Nominations for Membership

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The full Committee consists of not more than 20 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term.

DATES: Nominations, including a cover letter to the Secretary, the nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae, and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755, must be received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION]. Self-nominations are welcome.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sally Fernandez, Program Specialist, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS); Telephone (202) 690-6524; Fax (202) 690-6519; Email sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, USDA is seeking nominees for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c), and to sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e). Nominations for membership are being sought from persons representing industry, academia, State and local government officials, public health organizations, and consumers and consumer organizations. NACMPI is seeking members with knowledge and interest in meat and poultry safety and other FSIS responsibilities. Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary.

To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least once annually.

Please note that federally registered lobbyists cannot be considered for USDA advisory committee membership. Members can only serve on one advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check.

How to Apply:

To receive consideration for service on the NACMPI, a nominee must submit a resume and USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include nominee's educational background and expertise. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be reviewed. USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 is available online at <http://fsis.usda.gov/forms/index.asp>.

Nomination packages should be accompanied by a resume and AD-755 form and can be sent by mail to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, Attn: National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

Regarding Nominees Who Are Selected:

All members who are associated with colleges and universities will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGE) and must complete the Office of Government (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report before rendering any advice or prior to their first meeting. SGE are required to update financial forms yearly. OGE 450 form is available online at <http://www.oge.gov/Forms-Library/OGE-Form-450--Confidential-Financial-Disclosure-Report/>.

All members will be reviewed for conflict of interest pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208 in relation to specific NACMPI work charges.

Advisory Committee members serve a two-year term, renewable for two consecutive terms.

Additional Public Notification:

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Done at Washington, DC on: May 12, 2014.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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