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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Central Illinois  
(IL) Area

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**  
(GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic area assigned to Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) by December 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

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 October 1, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 52678), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Central Illinois area to submit an application for designation by October 30, 1998. There were two applicants: Central Illinois and Turner Grain Services, Inc. (Turner). Central Illinois applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Turner applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Central Illinois area: bounded on the North by Interstate 74; bounded on the East by Interstate 155; bounded on the South by Illinois Route 136 and the southern Tazewell County Line; and bounded on the West by the western Peoria County line north to Interstate 74.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the Federal Register, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

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

Dated: November 19, 1998.

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Director, Compliance Division.  
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