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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. **FSIS-2021-0021**]

**National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection;
Nominations for Membership**

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to Solicit Nominations for Membership.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership for the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The full Committee consists of 20 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term. The USDA is announcing Committee vacancies to minority businesses and organizations, consumer groups, businesses, media, local and state governments, and academia to attract and appoint diverse candidates. The USDA expects to appoint new Committee members for the entire committee in 2022.

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 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Self-nominations are welcome.

ADDRESSES: The USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 is available online at:
https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/AD-755_0512.doc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valeria Green, Designated Federal Official, National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, U.S. Department of Agriculture, by telephone at (301) 504-0846, Email: valeria.green@usda.gov, regarding specific questions about the Committee or this solicitation. General information about the Committee can also be found at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/nacmpi>.

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 of Agriculture on meat and poultry inspection programs (see 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c) and 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 food safety and other FSIS policies. Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee consider the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to serve on behalf of

underrepresented 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 USDA 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 their resume and the 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 the 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. The USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD-755 is available online at: https://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/AD-755-Approved_Master-exp-3.31.22_508.pdf. The AD-755 will only be considered if it is complete.

Nomination packages should be accompanied by a resume or curriculum vitae and AD-755 form and can be sent via email to Valeria Green, Director, Resource and Administrative Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service at NACMPI@usda.gov.

Regarding Nominees Who Are Selected

The USDA Office of Ethics determines who will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGE) and must complete the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report electronically through the USDA online system before rendering any advice or before their first meeting. SGEs are required to update financial forms yearly. An invitation to fill out the OGE 450 form will be sent via email before the NACMPI meeting. 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.

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