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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Extension of Period To Submit Expression of Interest for Potential Sites for Headquarters Office Locations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the period for interested parties to submit an expression of interest for a proposed new headquarters location for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Economic Research Service (ERS). The Department is extending the period to submit an expression of interest for 30 days.

DATES: The notice of a request to submit expression of interests published on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 is being extended. Interested parties wishing to submit an expression of interest should do so in writing by October 15, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments regarding this notice. All submissions must refer to ''Expression of Interest'' to ensure proper delivery.

- *Electronic Submission of Expression of Interest.* Interested persons may submit information electronically to the following email address *relocation@usda.gov.*
- *Submission of Comments by Mail, Hand delivery, or Courier.* Paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions should be submitted to Donald K. Bice, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 240–W, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald K. Bice, Telephone Number: (202) 720–3291.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, August 15, 2018 (83 FR 40499), the Department published a notice of a request for expression of interest for potential sites for headquarters office locations for NIFA and ERS. USDA is interested in exploring options to house the headquarters of NIFA and ERS jointly or in separate locations. The original deadline to submit an expression of interest was September 14, 2018. This action extends the submission period for 30 days. Submissions must now be received on or before October 15, 2018.

Dated: September 7, 2018.

Donald K. Bice,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FSIS–2018–0036]

Joint Public Meeting on the Use of Cell Culture Technology To Develop Products Derived From Livestock and Poultry

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are hosting a joint public meeting to discuss the potential hazards, oversight considerations, and labeling of cell cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry tissue. FSIS and FDA officials will make presentations on their roles and responsibilities relative to the production and labeling of safe and wholesome food and their respective regulatory frameworks, including their inspection systems, as a basis for discussing what oversight framework might be most appropriate for cell cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry. Representatives of industry, interested individuals, and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, October 24, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT. Submit either electronic or written comments on this public meeting by November 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Jefferson Auditorium in the South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250. Attendance is free. Non-USDA employees must enter through the Wing 5 entrance on Independence Avenue. The South Building is a Federal facility and attendees should plan to take adequate time to pass through the security screening system. Attendees must show a valid photo ID to enter the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxanne Smith, Director, Congressional and Public Affairs in the FSIS Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Education at (202) 720–4413 or *roxanne.smith@fsis.usda.gov;* as well as Juanita Yates, Public Affairs Specialist in the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at (240) 402–1731 or *Juanita.yates@fda.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Further information on this meeting will be posted on the FSIS website at: *https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings* and through the FSIS Constituent Update, and on the FDA website at: *https://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/WorkshopsMeetingsConferences/default.htm.*

Background

FSIS is the public health agency responsible for ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled. FDA has responsibility for ensuring the safety of all other foods, including seafood (except catfish) and game animals as well as ensuring that the labels of these foods contain useful and reliable information.

Animal cell culture food technology, as will be discussed at the public meeting, refers to the controlled growth of animal cells from livestock, poultry, fish, or other animals, their subsequent differentiation into various cell types, and their collection and processing into food. Full tissue formation in culture is