

USDA Seeks Applicants for Organic Standards Board

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking individuals to serve as members of the 15-member National Organic Standards Board, authorized by the 1990 Farm Bill.

The board will assist in the development of standards for the production of organic farm products and will advise the secretary of agriculture on the organic standards program.

To be nominated for appointment to the board, an individual must be either an owner or operator of an organic farm, a handler (wholesale buyer and seller) or retailer with significant trade in organic products, an expert in environmental protection or resource conservation, a representative of a public interest group, or have expertise in toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry. The secretary of agriculture will appoint 14 board members from these nominees.

The fifteenth board member, representing certifying agents will be appointed once USDA certifies these agents. Certifying agents are those groups and individuals USDA will certify as qualified to inspect organic farms and handlers in organic products for compliance with organic standards.

Except for initial members, the normal board membership term will be 5 years. Initial members will serve staggered terms. A member cannot serve consecutive terms unless the member served an original term that was less than 5 years.

After reviewing applications, USDA will send biographical forms to those to be nominated for appointment. To expedite the security clearance process required for the secretary of agriculture to make any board appointments, forms must be completed and returned within 10 working days of their receipt.

Notice of the request for applicants has also appeared in the Federal Register.

Applications for nominations, including complete resumes, should be sent no later than May 31 to Harold Ricker, assistant director, Transportation and Marketing Division, AMS, USDA, Room 4006-S, P.O. Box 966456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

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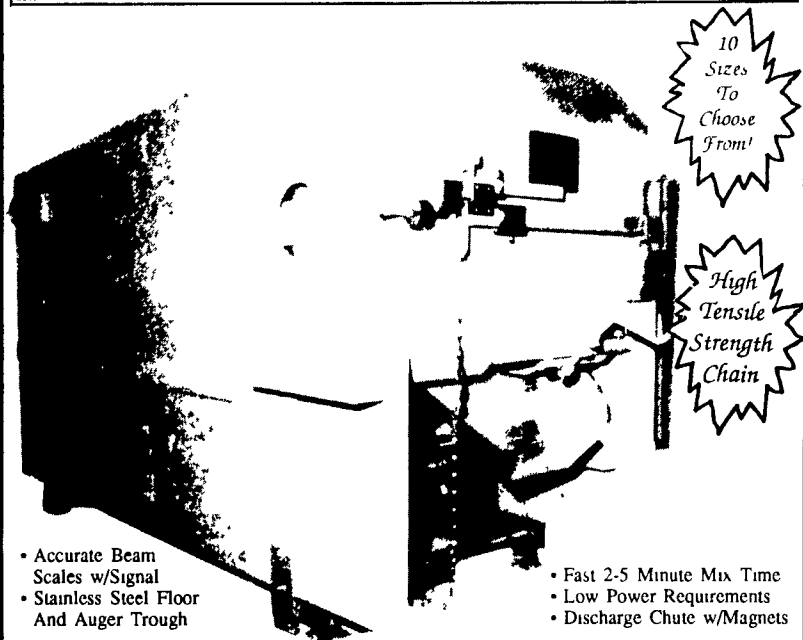
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