the global food and agricultural system. Biotechnology intersects many of the policies, programs and functions of USDA. The charge for the AC21 is two-fold: To examine the long-term impacts of biotechnology on the U.S. food and agriculture system and USDA; and to provide guidance to USDA on pressing individual issues, identified by the Office of the Secretary, related to the application of biotechnology in agriculture. The AC21 will meet in Washington, DC, up to four (4) times per year.

Membership: Under the AC21 Charter, members of the AC21 will be knowledgeable in one or more of the following areas: recombinant-DNA (rDNA) research and applications using plants; rDNA research and applications using animals; rDNA research and applications using microbes; food science; silviculture and related forest science; fisheries science; ecology; veterinary medicine; the broad range of farming or agricultural practices; weed science; entomology; nematology; plant pathology; biodiversity; applicable laws and regulations relevant to agricultural biotechnology policy; risk assessment; consumer advocacy and public attitudes; public health/epidemiology; ethics, including bioethics; human medicine; biotechnology industry activities and structure; intellectual property rights systems; and international trade. Members will be selected by the Secretary of Agriculture in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints to address effectively USDA biotechnology policy issues under consideration.

It is envisioned that the immediate upcoming work of the AC21 will concentrate on providing practical recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on ways to strengthen coexistence among different agricultural crop production methods. One specific focus will be on mechanisms that might be employed to help the market balance risks and rewards in different production sectors. Accordingly, Committee membership will concentrate on areas most relevant to those deliberations.

Nominations for AC21 membership must be in writing and provide the appropriate background documents required by USDA policy, including background disclosure form AD–755. Neither the form nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except as authorized by law.

No member may serve on the AC21 for more than six consecutive years. Accordingly, AC21 members must be in writing and provide the practical background documents described under Submitting Nominations below.

Members of the AC21 and its subcommittees shall serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at AC21 and subcommittee functions for those AC21 members who require assistance in order to attend the meetings. While away from home or their regular place of business, those members will be eligible for travel expenses paid by REE, USDA, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at the same rate as a person employed intermittently in the government service is allowed under Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

Submitting Nominations: Nominations should be typed and include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominee’s suitability to serve on the AC21.
2. A resume or curriculum vitae.

Nominations should be sent to Michael Schechtman at the address listed above, and be post marked no later than April 18, 2011.

To ensure that recommendations of the task force take into account the needs of underserved and diverse communities served by USDA, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals representing minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Additionally, discrimination on the basis of political beliefs and marital or family status is also prohibited by statutes enforced by USDA (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA’s Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Dated: March 10, 2011.

Catherine E. Woteki,
Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
[Docket No. APHIS–2011–0017]
Multi-Agency Informational Meeting Concerning Compliance With the Federal Select Agent Program; Public Meeting

AGENCIES: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is to notify all interested parties, including individuals and entities possessing, using, or transferring federally listed biological agents and toxins, that a meeting will be held to provide specific regulatory guidance related to the Federal Select Agent Program established under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. The meeting is being organized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Justice’s Federal Bureau of Investigation. Issues to be discussed include entity registration, security risk assessments, biosafety requirements, and security measures.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 10, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Persons who wish to attend the meeting must register by April 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Agricultural Research Service, National Centers for Animal Health Disease Center, Building 20, 1920 Dayton Avenue, Ames, IA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: APHIS: Ms. Sarah Kwiatkowski, Veterinary Program Assistant, APHIS Select Agent Program, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 2, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–5960. CDC: Dr. Eduardo O’Neill, Training & Outreach Officer, Division of Select Agents and Toxins, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road MS A–46, Atlanta, GA 30333; (404) 718–2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, “Enhancing Controls on Dangerous Biological Agents and Toxins” (sections 201 through 231), provides for the regulation of certain biological agents and toxins by the Department of Health and Human Services (subtitle A, sections 201–204) and the Department of Agriculture (subtitle B, sections 211–213), and
provides for interagency coordination between the two Departments regarding overlap agents and toxins (subtitle C, section 221). For the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been designated as the agency with primary responsibility for implementing the provisions of the Act; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is the agency fulfilling that role for the Department of Agriculture. CDC and APHIS list select agents and toxins in 42 CFR 73.3 and in 7 CFR 331.3 and 9 CFR 121.3, respectively. The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Service conducts security risk assessments of all individuals and nongovernmental entities that request to possess, use, or transfer select agents and toxins.

The meeting announced here is an opportunity for the regulated community (i.e., registered entity responsible officials, alternate responsible officials, and entity owners) and other interested individuals to obtain specific regulatory guidance and information on standards concerning biosafety and biosecurity issues related to the Federal Select Agent Program. CDC, APHIS, and FBI representatives will be present at the meeting to address questions and concerns. Entity registration, security risk assessments, biosafety requirements, and security measures are among the issues that will be discussed.

All attendees must register in advance of the meeting. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be available at no cost as a Webcast for a limited number of registrants. There are two ways to register depending upon the U.S. citizenship status of the attendee:

- Citizens of the United States must complete a U.S. citizen registration form online at http://www.selectagents.gov and submit it to the CDC by April 12, 2011, or
- Non-citizens (including lawful permanent residents) must complete a non-citizen registration form online at http://www.selectagents.gov and submit it to the CDC prior to April 12, 2011. Registrants must also send copies of all required documentation (e.g., passport, visa, permanent resident card, etc.) to the CDC by the April 12, 2011, deadline. A list of required documentation is provided on the Web site listed above. In addition, non-citizens will need to bring all personal documentation to the meeting.

Detailed directions to the National Centers for Animal Health Disease Center are available on the Internet at http://www.selectagents.gov. In addition to the documents listed above, Government-issued picture identification is required to gain access to the parking facilities and the building.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please call or write one of the individuals listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of March 2011.

Kevin Shea, Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for the Yellow Dog National Wild and Scenic River, Ottawa National Forest, Baraga and Marquette Counties, MI

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Yellow Dog National Wild and Scenic River to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information may be obtained by contacting Bill Baer, Recreation Program Manager, Ottawa National Forest, E6248 US Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI 49938, (906) 932–1330, ext. 342.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Yellow Dog Wild and Scenic River boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Office of the Chief, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024; USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, Suite 400, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202 and; Ottawa National Forest, E6248 US Hwy. 2, Ironwood, MI 49938. A detailed legal description is available upon request.

The Michigan Scenic River Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–249–March 3, 1992) designated the Yellow Dog River, Michigan, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until ninety days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: March 10, 2010.

Tyrone Kelley, Forest Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Humboldt County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Humboldt County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Eureka, California. The committee meeting is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 12, 2011, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Six Rivers National Forest Office, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Dellinger, Committee Coordinator, at (707) 441–3569; e-mail adellinger@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The agenda includes a public comment period, discussion on project monitoring, and a vote on projects to recommend for funding.

Dated: March 10, 2010.

Keith B. Lannom, Acting Forest Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Salem, Oregon. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2012 project proposals to the committee.

Dated: March 14, 2011.

Keith B. Lannom, Acting Forest Supervisor.