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Subject: Competitive Sourcing at Ames, Iowa

To All Employees at Ames

The following information is being published today in the FedBizOps about the Competitive Sourcing at Ames.

In accordance with revised OMB Circular A-76, dated 5/29/03, Section 7.3. this memorandum hereby serves as the local public announcement for the transition procedures for the Midwest Area competitive sourcing studies listed below:

Conversion of cost comparison to standard competition of facilities operations and maintenance support services at Ames, Iowa currently provided by 68 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Cheryl Coxen. Agency Tender Official: Mark Bulechek. Projected end date of competition: December 26, 2004.

Conversion of cost comparison to standard competition of research support services at Ames, Iowa, currently provided by 44 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Meghan Ryan. Agency Tender Official: Julia Ridpath. Projected end date of competition: December 26,2004.

These notices were required to comply with the revised procedures in the Revised A-76 Circular published on May 29, 2003.

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