



**USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service  
National Organic Program**

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**A N O N C E M E N T!**

**NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)  
SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR FIVE POSITIONS**

**2 ORGANIC PRODUCERS, 2 CONSUMER/PUBLIC INTERESTS, and  
1 USDA ACCREDITED CERTIFYING AGENT**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Individuals seeking appointment to the NOSB must:

- Own or operate an organic production operation;
- Represent public or consumer interest groups; or
- Be a USDA-accredited organic certifying agent as identified under Section 2116 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade (FACT) Act.

All applicants are required to commit to 5 years volunteer membership. Most NOSB work is completed through committees on monthly or periodic conference calls, and may also require additional independent time researching issues and drafting documents. There are 2 public meetings per year (Fall and Spring) – USDA is responsible for arranging and payment for hotel and airline accommodations. Individuals receive reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses.

Written nominations must include the following documentation: AD-755 Background application, with cover letters and resumes. Background Application Form can be found at: [www.ams.usda.gov](http://www.ams.usda.gov) under NOSB\General Information\NOSB Nomination Process\NOSB: Membership AD 755 Application (PDF). Nomination materials must **be postmarked on or before July 17, 2010**. Send nominations to Katherine E. Benham, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-TM-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2646-S, Ag Stop 0268, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information, contact Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7806; e-mail: [Katherine.benham@usda.gov](mailto:Katherine.benham@usda.gov); or fax: (202) 205-7808.

To ensure that recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with abilities.

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To learn more about the NOSB or the National Organic Program visit: [www.ams.usda.gov/NOP](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOP).