INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Diana Moslak
      /s/ Diana Moslak
      Executive Secretary to the Corporation

SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation’s Board of Directors and Related Agenda

This is to inform you that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation’s (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) will hold a Board meeting October 22, 2002, in room 104-A, Jamie Whitten Federal Office Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

This meeting is primarily to permit submitters of private insurance products under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) to discuss with the Board the reports of the expert and other reviewers and for the Board, based on those review reports, to determine in Open Session whether their submissions should be approved or disapproved for implementation and reinsurance. Section 508(h)(A) of the Act requires the FCIC Board to maintain the confidentiality of section 508(h) submissions until such time as the Board approves the submission. Therefore, the first order of business of the FCIC Board will be to go into Executive Session and no person from the general public, except those associated with the submission being discussed, will be permitted in the room.

The FCIC Board will conduct an Open Session of the meeting that will commence at approximately 2:30 p.m., to address those matters specified in the Open Session portion of the attached Agenda. All members of the public are invited to attend this Open Session with the understanding that if a need arises for the Board to go into Executive Session at any given time, no person from the general public, except those persons designated by the Chairman of the Board, will be permitted to remain in the room.

Please note that the items listed on the agenda and the date, time and location of the meeting are subject to change without further notice. The time of the meeting will not be changed to an earlier time. You may call me at (202) 720-2832 from 7:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., EST, for any changes to the date, time, or location of the meeting.

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Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Shannon Persetic at (202) 720-2516 or at the Internet address shannon_persetic@wdc.usda.gov by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 15, 2002.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 720-2832.

Attachment