

USDA's National Organic Standards Board
A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
(Deadline: May 15, 2014)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations from qualified individuals to serve on the **National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)** from January 2015 to January 2020. The Committee consists of members from across the organic community, and provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act. NOSB members are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to a five year term. In this announcement, USDA seeks nominations for the following seats:

- Individual with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation
- Organic Producer who owns or operates an organic operation
- Organic Handler who owns or operates an organic handling operation
- Retailer with significant trade in organic products

Committee member duties include:

- Attending committee meetings (travel paid by USDA)*
- Participating in bi-monthly subcommittee conference calls
- Reviewing materials and/or recommend changes to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances
- Advising the Secretary on other aspects of the USDA organic regulations

Additional criteria used to consider nominees:

- A general understanding of organic principles, and practical experience in the organic community, particularly in the sector for which the person is applying
- Demonstrated experience in the development of public policy such as participation on public or private advisory boards, boards of directors or other comparable organizations
- Participation in standards development and/or involvement in educational outreach activities
- A commitment to the integrity and growth of the organic food and fiber industry
- The ability to evaluate technical information and to fully participate in Board deliberation and recommendations
- The willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to assume Board duties
- You must not be currently serving (or have been elected to serve) on another USDA advisory committee or research and promotions council/board during your term
- You are not registered as a lobbyist** with the federal or state government

Written nominations, with cover letter, resume, and a required form (available on USDA website), must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2014. For more information, visit:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/NOSBNominationProcess>

**Members of the Committee are reimbursed by the USDA for approved travel and associated lodging expenses as determined by official federal government guidelines and regulations.*

***Executive Order No. 13490, 18 June 2010, prohibits an individual who is registered with the federal government or with a state government as a lobbyist from serving on a federal advisory committee.*