EXHIBIT H.6 (b)



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June 13, 2017

Senator John Cooper, Co-Chairperson Representative Les Eaves, Co-Chairperson Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Subcommittee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building, Room 315 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Office of Personnel Management submits a request from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture to continue certain on-call compensation differentials for fiscal year 2018.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture currently has approval for on-call differentials for incumbents involved in commodity grading pursuant to the agency's agreement with the federal government. OPM recommends continuation of the on-call differential for the positions below:

| Position | Class Code | Title | Grade |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 22077901 | X058C | Agri Commodity Area Supervisor | GS07 |
| 22094731 | X058C | Agri Commodity Area Supervisor | GS07 |
| 22094710 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22094724 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22094704 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22150692 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22094726 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22094722 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22077899 | X132C | Agri Commodity Compliance Inspector | GS05 |
| 22087878 | X097C | Agri Specialist | GS04 |

The cost of these differentials in fiscal year 2017 was \$23,417.

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The Office of Personnel Management has reviewed the submitted documentation by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and **recommends** continuation of on-call compensation differentials for the positions listed above for fiscal year 2018. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kay Barnhill
State Personnel Administrator

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May 2, 2017

Mr. Larry Walther Director Department of Finance and Administration P O Box 3278 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr. Walther,

I respectfully request the continuation of "on call" status for FY 2017-18 for our Agriculture Commodity Compliance Inspectors; Agriculture Commodity Area Supervisors and Agriculture Division Manager.

These Employees are on call 24/7 to provide service to the Arkansas Poultry and Egg Industries. Employees are expected to be available for relief duties at a moment's notice, state-wide, for agriculture Commodity Graders stationed in processing plants. These employees are expected to provide services at processing plants on any shift needed, nights, holidays, weekends, etc. Our agency must have personnel available when needed. We want to increase the "on call" differential from 5.5% to 20% for employee's in "on call" status. This request is for a total of 11 employees.

| Position | Class Code | Grade | Title | Number | Name |
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| 22077901 | X058C | GS07 | Agri. Commodity Area Supervisor | 36030 | Ellis |
| 22094726 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 104744 | McGary |
| 22094710 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 85605 | Rogers |
| 22094724 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 106273 | Xayasa |
| 22094730 | B010C | GS11 | Agri, Division Manager | 3028 | Hughes |
| 22094731 | X058C | GS07 | Agri. Commodity Area Supervisor | 37531 | Gage |
| 22150692 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 80791 | Stubbs |
| 22094722 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 116058 | Miner |
| 22094704 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 119879 | Blanchard |
| 22087878 | X132C | GS05 | Agri. Commodity Compliance Inspector | 118383 | Rios |
| 22077899 | X132C | GS05 | Agri, Commodity Compliance Inspector | 61317 | Perez |

Please contact me if you have any questions or require more information.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Edwards Deputy Director of Agriculture

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