

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Central Bean Company, Inc. of Quincy, Washington, an exclusive license to the variety of pinto bean described in Plant Variety Protection Certificate Application Number 202300145, 'USDA CODY,' filed on March 1, 2023.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 4, 2024.

ADDRESS: Send comments to: Diana D. Halsey, Business Licensing Officer, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 301-785-2741, [diana.halsey@usda.gov](mailto:diana.halsey@usda.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana D. Halsey, Business Licensing Officer, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 301-785-2741, [diana.halsey@usda.gov](mailto:diana.halsey@usda.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's rights in this pinto bean variety are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this pinto bean variety as Central Bean Company, Inc. of Quincy, Washington has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the

grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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