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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### Commodities

Bath Puff  
M.R. 566

*NPA:* Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, Mississippi

Scourer, Copper  
M.R. 505

*NPA:* Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, Inc., West Palm Beach, Florida

Towels, Seasonal  
M.R. 1009

*NPA:* Chester County Branch of the PAB, Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Business Cards

7510-00-NIB-0240 (1000 to box)

7510-00-NIB-0265 (500 to box)

7510-00-NIB-0266 (250 to box)

*NPA:* The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., Seattle, Washington

Folder, File

7530-01-364-9482

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7530-01-364-9503

7530-01-364-9504

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7530-01-364-9506

*NPA:* Lions Club Industries, Inc., Durham, North Carolina

#### Service

Janitorial/Custodial  
Mare Island Naval Shipyard  
Vallejo, California

*NPA:* V-Bar Enterprises, Inc., Suisun City, California

**E.R. Alley, Jr.,**

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## Procurement List Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 22, 1996, January 7, 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 59401, 62 FR 964, 1429, 2644, 3658, 4721, and 5797) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were: 1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

*Commodities*

Potpourri  
M.R. 400  
M.R. 401  
M.R. 403

*Office and Miscellaneous Supplies*

(Requirements for Fort Stewart, Georgia)  
Tape, Computer  
7045-01-119-6357

*Services*

Administrative Services, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois  
Duplicating/Copying of Court Documents, GPO Program C414-S)  
Grounds Maintenance, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Complex, Clarksburg, West Virginia  
Janitorial/Custodial, Major Bias USARC, Huntington, West Virginia  
Library Services, Beale Air Force Base, California  
Military Dining Facility Attendants, U.S. Coast Guard Station, Miami Beach, Florida  
Military Dining Facility Attendants, West Virginia Air National Guard, Charleston, West Virginia

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

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**Procurement List Addition**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Addition to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List a commodity to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 1, 1995, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (60 FR 45704) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from the current contractor for the ear plugs and from two offices in one of the using Government agencies. All commenters questioned the ability of the nonprofit agency to produce ear plugs which meet the Government's specifications. The current contractor also questioned the nonprofit agency's ability to meet Government delivery requirements. Initial testing of the nonprofit agency's prototype ear plugs indicated that they did not consistently meet all Government specifications. The nonprofit agency has corrected the deficiencies, and subsequent testing by an independent laboratory has shown that the ear plugs now meet all specification requirements. The Government agency which procures the ear plugs has inspected the nonprofit agency's facility and concluded that it is capable of producing the ear plugs.

The commenting contractor also claimed that if the nonprofit agency produced the earplugs manually they would be contaminated and pose a health risk for users, while if an automated process is used the nonprofit agency would fail to meet the Committee's statutory 75 percent disabled direct labor requirement. The contractor stated that it would not be safe for persons with severe disabilities to use the required automated equipment.

The nonprofit agency will be using an automated process which will avoid direct human contact with the plugs before they are placed in individual packages. This approach will not violate the Committee's statutory requirement, as the 75 percent figure applies only to total direct labor done by a nonprofit agency on all its production activities. The requirement does not apply to direct labor involved in the production of a single commodity for a Government agency. The nonprofit agency has adapted other pieces of industrial equipment, such as stamping presses, for safe use by persons with severe disabilities, and is making similar adaptations to the automated equipment to be used in producing the ear plugs.

The contractor claims that it is the only company which has been able to produce foam which will meet the specification requirements for the ear plugs. The contractor will not sell this foam to the nonprofit agency. However, the nonprofit agency has located a company which can produce foam

which conforms to the specifications. The Committee's industrial engineer has visited that company's plant and reviewed the most recent laboratory testing of the ear plugs the nonprofit agency has produced from that foam, and has confirmed that the ear plugs meet all specification requirements. The nonprofit agency has also tested the ear plugs after they have been stored for a period of time and demonstrated that they continue to meet the specification requirements after storage.

The commenting contractor contends the nonprofit agency will not be able to meet the Government's total annual requirements for the ear plugs because it has not made the capital investment necessary to acquire adequate manufacturing equipment and train personnel. The nonprofit agency has arranged the financing needed to acquire equipment and train personnel.

The contractor also contends that the nonprofit agency will not be able to meet Government delivery requirements because the contractor has in the past handled large Government orders with short turnarounds by using stock in its warehouse that was intended for commercial sales, and the nonprofit agency does not have similar commercial sales to create an inventory it can draw upon. The procuring Government agency's finding of nonprofit agency capability, however, includes an allowance for excess orders to meet emergency requirements. Consequently, the Committee believes the nonprofit agency will be able to handle all Government orders for the ear plugs.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodity to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity to the Government.