

Administrative Services

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Airport, O'Hare Air Traffic Control
Tower, Chicago, Illinois
Janitorial/Custodial, Bell Hall, Building 111,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

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.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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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: March 10, 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
October 25, 1996, the Committee for
Purchase From People Who Are Blind
or Severely Disabled published notice
(61 F.R. 55268) of proposed addition to
the Procurement List. Comments were
received from both current contractors
for the cord and from a small
disadvantaged business which is in the
industry. One of the current contractors
indicated that it supplies a substantial
amount of the cord to the Government,
but it also supplies many other cords to
nonprofit agencies participating in the
Committee's Javits-Wagner-O'Day
(JWOD) Program, so it does not oppose
the addition of this cord to the
Procurement List. The small
disadvantaged business indicated that it
had asked for the cord to be set aside for
the Small Business Administration's
8(a) Program, in which it participates,

rather than the JWOD Program, but the
Government contracting activity has
informed the Committee that the cord is
not involved in the 8(a) Program.

The other current contractor indicated
that it is a small business and the actual
manufacture of the cord is done by a
division which would be severely
impacted by the addition of the cord to
the Procurement List as the company
might discontinue the division because
of the loss of sales. If this happened, the
Government would lose one of a small
number of manufacturers of this cord.
The contractor also questioned the
ability of people who are blind to
perform the operations necessary to
manufacture the cord to Government
specifications. The contractor also
expressed its understanding that the
nonprofit agency would merely serve as
a warehouse for manufactured cord
from another supplier, and questioned
how the nonprofit agency would meet
the Committee's statutory direct labor
requirement.

The nonprofit agency will not be
making the cord, so the concerns over
the ability of people who are blind to
perform cordmaking operations are not
relevant to the Committee's decision.
The nonprofit agency will, however, be
doing far more than warehousing the
cord. It will receive bulk shipments of
the cord and wind the required amount
on spools, label and wrap the spools
and package them for shipment, as well
as perform warehousing and shipping
functions. These activities create
considerable work for people who are
blind, as opposed to the cord
manufacturing operations which are
largely machine operations.

The contractor interprets the statutory
direct labor requirement as requiring
that at least 75 percent of the total direct
labor required to manufacture the cord
must be done by people who are 3-
blind. The Committee's interpretation,
which has been upheld by a court
decision, *HLI Lordship Industries, Inc.*
v. Committee for Purchase From the
Blind and Other Severely Handicapped,
615 F. Supp. 970, 975 (E.D. Va. 1985),
is that the requirement applies to the
direct labor done by the nonprofit
agency. In this case, the nonprofit
agency has indicated that all of the
direct labor, and some of the indirect
labor, will be performed by people who
are blind.

The Committee's rationale for looking
to a total corporate entity as the current
contractor for impact analysis rather
than an individual division that is
performing the contract is that the
corporation has the ability to shift its
assets among divisions and thus
mitigate the impact of a Procurement

List addition on a specific division. In
a supplemental comment, this
contractor challenged the application of
this rationale in the case of a small
business like itself and again raised the
possibility that it might have to close its
cord division if it did not have
Government sales of the cord along with
its own cord demands for the
parachutes the corporation produces.

Nonprofit agencies participating in
the JWOD Program are required by
Committee regulation to seek broad
competition for components used in
commodities furnished to the
Government. 41 CFR 51-4.4(a).
Nonprofit agencies are further required
to maximize their subcontracting for
components with other nonprofit
agencies and small businesses such as
this contractor. 41 CFR 51-4.4(b). In this
case, the nonprofit agency has been
instructed to assure that it will continue
to seek competition between existing
cord suppliers, including this
contractor. Accordingly, the contractor
will continue to have the opportunity to
sell its cord to the Government through
the nonprofit agency, which should
mitigate the possibility of closing its
cordmaking division and depriving the
Government of a source of supply for
this cord.

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 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
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.

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 commodity
proposed for addition to the
Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodity is hereby added to the Procurement List:

Cord, Nylon
4020-00-240-2146

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.

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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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 services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: March 10, 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: 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 services 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 services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to 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.

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 services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Floor Care Products
7930-00-NIB-0039 (GP Forward—Cleaner)
7930-00-NIB-0040
7930-00-NIB-0041
7930-00-NIB-0043 (Complete—Floor Finish)
7930-00-NIB-0044
7930-00-NIB-0045
7930-00-NIB-0046 (Bravo—Polish Remover)
7930-00-NIB-0047
7930-00-NIB-0048
7930-00-NIB-0049 (Snapback Spraybuff—Restorer)
NPA: The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, Texas
Insignia, Embroidered, Tab, Shoulder Sleeve, Army
8455-00-121-1315
NPA: Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge, Georgia
Insignia, Embroidered, Marine PFC
8455-00-292-9558
NPA: Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge, Georgia

Services

Grounds Maintenance, Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii and Outlying Air Force Installations
NPA: Lanakila Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii
Grounds Maintenance, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Complex, Clarksburg, West Virginia
NPA: Job Squad, Inc., Clarksburg, West Virginia
Switchboard Operation, Department of Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Health Care System, Lyons, New Jersey
NPA: New Jersey Association for the Deaf-Blind, Inc Somerset, New Jersey

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will be held March 4, 1997, 9 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

Agenda

General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Report on the status of The Wassenaar Arrangement.
3. Discussion on the Encryption Reg.
4. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

Executive Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA/BXA—
Room 3886C, U.S. Department of
Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 13, 1995, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The