

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 19, March 5 and 22, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 8291, 10620, 13767 and 13768) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Additions

The Following Comments Pertain to Line, Multi-Loop, 1670-01-062-6307

Comments were received from the holder of the most recent contract for this multi-loop line. The contract was completed in February 1996. The contractor indicated that it is a small business which is very heavily dependent on Government contracts for this type of item. It also indicated that its business has declined markedly in the past year and competition for business has greatly increased, so any loss of business will have a noticeable impact on the company. The contractor noted that, while the value of contracts for this multi-loop line is not large, the line is one of a family of items which it can produce more efficiently if all the members of the family are available for competitive bidding, as their manufacture requires similar components and processes which allow the contractor to spread its costs out among the members of the family. The contractor also indicated that the nature of the manufacturing process made it unsuitable for blind persons to make the line.

The value of its most recent contract for the line is only a small percentage of the company's total annual sales. This percentage is well below the level which the Committee normally considers to constitute probable severe adverse impact. Even if the contractor's general business situation is taken into account, the Committee does not believe the addition of this multi-loop line to the Procurement List is likely to have a severe adverse impact on the contractor. This item is in fact one of a family of related products. However, there are at least 17 other multi-loop lines procured by this contracting activity. In addition, there are other products that also fit within the same family of products as the multi-loop line. Therefore, the Committee does not believe that it has severely reduced the contractor's ability to efficiently manufacture products in this family of products.

The nonprofit agency designated to produce the line already produces several other multi-loop lines, using people with severe disabilities other than blindness (mainly mental retardation). The agency's production

line has been modified to allow people with severe disabilities to produce the lines. The modifications would allow individuals who are blind to produce the lines as well. Consequently, the Committee does not agree with the contractor's contention concerning the suitability of this work for individuals who are blind.

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

Line, Multi-Loop

1670-01-062-6307

1670-01-062-6311

Meal Kits

8970-01-E59-0239A

8970-01-E59-0240A

8970-01-E59-0241A

8970-01-E59-0242A

8970-01-E59-0243A

8970-01-E59-0244A

8970-01-E59-0245A

8970-01-E59-0239B

8970-01-E59-0240B

8970-01-E59-0241B

8970-01-E59-0242B

8970-01-E59-0243B

8970-01-E59-0244B

8970-01-E59-0239C

8970-01-E59-0240C

8970-01-E59-0241C

8970-01-E59-0242C

(100% of the requirement of the USPFO for Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana)

Services

Janitorial/Custodial, MG William Weigel

USARC, Edison, New Jersey

Janitorial/Custodial, Wheeling Courthouse, 12th and Chaplin Streets Wheeling, 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.

Deletions

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 may not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

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

3. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities 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 deleted from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following commodities are hereby deleted from the Procurement List:

Starter Rope, Engine

2990-00-972-7950

2990-00-961-3692

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: June 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

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.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the 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 services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

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

Janitorial/Custodial

INS Detention Center, 1115 N. Imperial Highway, El Centro, CA
NPA: Association for Retarded Citizens—Imperial Valley, El Centro, California

Janitorial/Custodial, Santa Ana Federal Building, 34 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California
U.S. Customhouse, 300 S. Ferry Street, Terminal Island, California
NPA: Goodwill Industries of Orange County, Santa Ana, California

Security Services

Air Passenger Terminal, Travis Air Force Base, California
NPA: PRIDE Industries, Roseville, California

Deletions

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.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

3. 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 proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodities have been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Pencil, Mechanical

7520-00-164-8950
7520-00-268-9916

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Electronic Commerce Working Group

AGENCIES: National Economic Council, Office of Science and Technology Policy, National Science Foundation and the Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public conference.

SUMMARY: Leaders from industry, academia, and government will convene at the U.S. Department of Commerce in the first public conference to discuss methods to measure the impact of the Internet, the World Wide Web and electronic commerce on the US economy and society. This conference, UNDERSTANDING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY—DATA, TOOLS AND RESEARCH, is a direct result of the President's November 1998 directive to analyze the economic implications of the Internet and electronic commerce. Sessions will focus on the state of

research on the digital economy and what is needed to monitor its future development.

Further information on the conference schedule, speakers, and registration is posted at: www.digitaleconomy.gov

DATES: May 25-26, 1999.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Request for sign language interpretation should be submitted no later than May 5, 1999 to Ronald Levin, Room 2815, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230. Seating is limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Ronald Levin, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. (Ronald—Levin@ita.doc.gov) 202-482-1678.

Dated: April 26, 1999.

Ronald Levin,

Office of Trade and Economic Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000 Partnership and Marketing Program Evaluation (PMPE)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sherri Norris, Bureau of