

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee imposes record keeping requirements on nonprofit agencies serving people who are blind or severely disabled. The requirements are for records of direct labor hours performed for the nonprofit agency by each worker and are for files which document the disability and competitive employability of each worker. Such records and files are required to ensure that nonprofit agencies seeking to participate in the Committee's program meet the requirements of 41 U.S.C. 46-48c.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Additions to and deletion from 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, and deletes from the Procurement List a commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 16, 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: On March 26, April 16, May 14, 21, and 28, and June 4, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 14687, 18877, 26360, 27752, 28971, 28972 and 29992) of proposed additions to and deletion from the Procurement List:

Additions

The Following Comments Pertain to Gloves, Patient Examining

Comments were received from a private company both directly and through a Member of Congress who urged consideration of the company's comments. The company claimed that

addition of the patient examining gloves to the Procurement List would violate the antitrust laws and affect a large number of businesses, contrary to the Regulatory Flexibility Act certification in the **Federal Register** notice of proposed addition of the gloves to the Procurement List. The company proposed that the nonprofit agency employing blind people which will provide the gloves to the Government be given a bid preference in a competitive procurement instead of being made a mandatory procurement source. The antitrust laws are designed to prevent restraint of trade in the commercial marketplace. It is the Committee's understanding that the Government is immune from suit under the antitrust laws for actions taken in its sovereign capacity, such as procurement of goods and services for its own use. This addition to the Procurement List concerns just such a procurement. Also, Congress specifically authorized this type of sole-source procurement to benefit people with blindness and other severe disabilities when it passed the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act.

Prior to its standardization of its patient examining glove procurements on the type offered by the nonprofit agency which will provide them under the Procurement List, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) did not buy a single type of glove on a nationwide basis, as it is now doing. The nonprofit agency which will provide the gloves under the Procurement List is also the only contractor which VA has had for the new nationwide requirement. Under Committee regulations, the nonprofit agency is the contractor on whom impact of the Procurement List addition would be assessed. We are not aware of the possible impact on any other companies in any detail, and the commenting company has provided no information on which the Committee could base an impact determination. It should also be noted that the Regulatory Flexibility Act certification concerned impact on a substantial number of small entities. As just noted, the Committee is aware of only one affected small entity in this case, the nonprofit agency, although the commenting company may also be in this category. To the extent this comment represents an objection by the company to losing the possibility of selling examining gloves to VA, it should be noted that VA permits the purchase of the gloves through distributors as well as directly from the nonprofit agency, so the commenting company may be able to mitigate its losses by entering into a distribution agreement with the nonprofit agency.

In enacting the JWOD Act, Congress did not provide for the type of competitive bid preference the commenting company advocated. Consequently, the Committee is unable to accommodate the company's idea, even if it considered such an approach a desirable way of accomplishing its statutory mission of creating jobs for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The Following Material Pertains to All of the Items Being Added 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

Fiberboard Half Size MM Trays and Sleeves
 PSIN 3916B (Tray)
 PSIN 3916C (Sleeves)
 Gloves, Patient Examining
 6515-01-461-3208
 6515-01-461-3209
 6515-01-455-5293
 6515-01-461-8271
 6515-01-455-5281
 6515-01-455-2778
 6515-01-455-2782
 6515-01-461-8414
 6515-01-455-2768

6515-01-455-2759
6515-01-461-8507
6515-01-455-5278

Office Furniture

7110-00-151-6485
7110-00-177-4901
7110-00-177-4902
7110-00-194-1613
7110-00-281-5689
7195-00-242-3503

Services

Base Supply Center

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen,
Maryland

CD-ROM Duplication Services

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 100 Liberty
Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

(75% of the Corps' Requirement)

Hospital Housekeeping Services

U.S. Army Medical Activity & U.S. Army
Dental Activity (including Evans Army
Community Hospital), Fort Carson,
Colorado

Janitorial/Custodial

Internal Revenue Service, Fresno Service
Center (FSC), 5045 E. Butler Avenue,
Fresno, California

VA Medical Center, 3350 La Jolla Village
Drive, San Diego, California

Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic,
2900 Veterans Way, Melbourne, Florida

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.

Deletion

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 commodity.

3. The action may 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 deleted
from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant
matter presented, the Committee has
determined that the commodity listed
below is 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
commodity is hereby deleted from the
Procurement List:

Ion Exchange Compound

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Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR
BEFORE:** August 16, 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.

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 will result in
authorizing small entities to furnish the
commodities and 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 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

Sachet Bag Assorted Scents & Oil Crystal
Assorted Scents

M.R. 1733

M.R. 1779

NPA: Envision, Inc., Wichita, Kansas

Services

Family Housing Maintenance

Travis Air Force Base, California

NPA: PRIDE Industries, Roseville,
California

Janitorial/Custodial

Basewide

Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

NPA: Willing Hearts, Inc., San Antonio,
Texas

Janitorial/Custodial

National Institute for Occupational Safety
and Health (NIOSH), Morgantown, West
Virginia

NPA: PACE Training and Evaluation
Center, Inc., Star City, West Virginia

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Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review

AGENCY: Import Administration,
International Trade Administration,
Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time
limits for preliminary results of new
shipper review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Thomas Gilgunn or Andrew Nulman,
Import Administration, International
Trade Administration, U.S. Department
of Commerce, 14th Street and
Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,
DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0648 or
(202) 482-4052, respectively.