

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Advisory Committee Meeting**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following committee meeting:

*Name:* Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

*Dates:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Place:* Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, 621 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on October 21 and October 22, 1999.

*Purpose:* To provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

The agenda includes a review and discussion of GIPSA's financial status and fee

proposals, reauthorization, biotechnology, deoxynivalenol testing in barley, feed wheat, wheat cleanliness, and other related issues concerning the delivery of grain inspection and weighing services to American agriculture.

The meeting will be open to the public. Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee or submit written statements before or after the meeting, should contact the Administrator, GIPSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601, telephone (202) 720-0219 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

Dated: September 20, 1999.

**James R. Baker,**

*Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Posting of Stockyards**

Pursuant to the authority provided under section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), it was ascertained that the livestock markets named below were stockyards as defined by Section 302 (a). Notice was given to the stockyard owners and to the public as required by Section 302 (b), by posting notices at the stockyards on the dates specified below, that the stockyards were subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

Facility No., name, and location of stockyard	Date of posting
AR-174 Crawford County Livestock Auction, Mountainburg, Arkansas .....	December 19, 1998.
GA-223 Holland's Livestock Sales, Reidsville, Georgia .....	April 11, 1998.
NJ-108 Camelot Auction Company, Cranbury, New Jersey .....	July 1, 1998.
SC-156 Greer Horse & Pony Auction, Greer, South Carolina .....	June 18, 1998.
SC-157 Rocking R, Inc., Laurens, South Carolina .....	December 21, 1998.
TN-192 Morris Brothers Auction, Pikesville, Tennessee .....	February 12, 1999.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 20th day of September, 1999.

**Andrea Giberson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Policy/Litigation Support, Packers and Stockyards Programs.*

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 18, August 6 and 13, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 32844, 42902 and 44198) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

**The Following Comments Pertain to Full Food and Dining Facility Attendant, Fort Polk, Louisiana**

Comments were received from an organization which represents blind vendors under the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107, and from the State agency responsible for licensing blind vendors in Louisiana. Both commenters stated that addition of this food service to the Procurement List would be a direct violation of the Randolph-Sheppard Act, which they believe affords blind vendors a paramount priority in the operation of military troop dining facilities. Both commenters requested that the Committee withdraw the proposed addition of this food service to the Procurement List so that the service might be performed by a licensed blind vendor under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

It is the Committee's longstanding position that the Randolph-Sheppard Act, which by its terms applies to "concession vending opportunities" (20 U.S.C. 107a(a)(2)), is not applicable to Government food service contracts financed by appropriated funds, such as military troop dining facilities. Consequently, the Randolph-Sheppard Act is no bar to the addition of this food service to the Procurement List, and the Committee declines to withdraw its proposal to add the service to the List.

The State licensing agency cited an authority added to the Randolph-Sheppard Act in 1974, which permits the Department of Education to establish a priority "for the operation of cafeterias on Federal property by blind licensees," 20 U.S.C. 107d-3(e), as a basis for the establishment of Randolph-Sheppard jurisdiction over the food service being added to the Procurement List. The Committee is familiar with this authority and its legislative history, and does not agree with the State licensing agency's conclusion for several reasons. First, "cafeteria" as used in the Randolph-Sheppard Act is defined as a subset of "vending facility," 20 U.S.C. 107(e)(7), and Randolph-Sheppard vending facilities are concession operations, as noted in the preceding

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 25, 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.

paragraph. Second, the nonprofit agency will not be operating this facility, as it will be performing its functions under the oversight and management of Army personnel. Accordingly, the Committee rejects the State licensing agency's argument that "operation" in this Randolph-Sheppard authority is equivalent to "provide food services."

The State licensing agency also noted that the purpose of the Randolph-Sheppard Act is to increase opportunities for the blind.

"Operation," as used in the Randolph-Sheppard Act, is thus to be construed broadly, according to the State licensing agency, to promote this statutory purpose. However, the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act, 41 U.S.C. 46-48c, under which this food service is being added to the Procurement List, is also intended to increase employment opportunities for people who are blind, as well as people with other severe disabilities. The Committee believes that it should also be construed broadly and, as it is intended to apply to Federal procurements of supplies and services, normally done with appropriated funds as is the case for this food service, that the JWOD Act is the statute which was intended to have paramount priority in this situation, not the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

**The Following Comments Pertain to Laundry Service, Bangor Naval Subbase BOQ & BEQ, and Miscellaneous Sites To Include Ships in Port, Bremerton, Washington**

Comments were received from the current contractor for a portion of the service requirement which was proposed for addition to the Procurement List. The Committee received these comments both directly and through a Member of Congress. This contractor provides laundry service at the Bangor Submarine Base but not for the ships included in the service requirement. The contractor claimed that loss of its contract for the base, along with two Procurement List additions in 1994 and a loss earlier this year of a major commercial contract, would severely impact the contractor's business. The contractor also noted that the nationwide chain laundries operating in the Puget Sound area have practically quit doing commercial laundry work, so if the contractor ceases operations there will be no backup to the nonprofit agency designated to perform this service requirement if it is unable to perform.

According to Committee records, the contractor held the Government contract for only one of the two 1994 services added to the Procurement List which

the contractor mentioned. The contractor's continued commercial existence since that time suggests that the 1994 addition did not have a severe adverse impact on the contractor. If its competitors are leaving the local commercial laundry market, it would appear likely that the contractor will be able to recoup its loss of a major customer. However, the Committee has decided to lessen the impact on this customer by limiting its addition of the base's laundry service to the Procurement List to two buildings, which are the bachelor officers and enlisted quarters for the base. The contractor has told the Committee that these two buildings generate very little sales. Consequently, the Committee does not believe that the revised Procurement List addition will have a severe adverse impact on the contractor, and that the contractor will remain in business to serve, among other things, as a backup for the nonprofit agency, although this will be unlikely as the nonprofit agency has been found fully capable of performing the service requirement being added to the Procurement List.

**The following Material Pertains to All of the Services Being Added to the Procurement List**

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the 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 services to the Government.

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

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

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

*Full Food & Dining Facility Attendant, Fort Polk, Louisiana*

*Janitorial/Custodial*

Denver Federal Center, Building 95, Denver, Colorado

Kennesaw National Battlefield Park Visitor Center, Kennesaw, Georgia

*Laundry Service*

Bangor Naval Subbase BOQ & BEQ and Miscellaneous Sites to include ships in port, Bremerton, Washington

*Mail and Messenger Service*

Naval Engineering Field Activity  
Chesapeake, Atlantic Division,  
Washington Navy Yard, Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
(NAVFACENGCOM), 851 Sicard Street,  
SE, Washington, DC

*Mail and Messenger Service*

Headquarters, Naval Facilities Engineering  
Command (NAVFACENGCOM), 1322  
Patterson Avenue, SE, Washington, DC

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.

**Louis R. Bartalot,**

*Deputy Director (Operations).*

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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:** October 25, 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