

Special forest product requests with an appraised value of \$2,000 or greater, or those for which competition exists, shall be advertised for 30 days and made available through a bidding process.

Selling units (bushels, pounds, each, etc.) for specific special forest product resources shall be consistent across the Alaska Region to make record keeping, reporting, and monitoring more accurate and efficient.

Inventory and Monitoring Strategies:

Inventory

In order to determine availability of special forest product resources for the Alaska Region, an inventory must be established to assess the range, distribution and abundance of species. Initially, the inventory may rely on using existing data (e.g., stand exams, botany and ecology surveys, research, etc.) and traditional knowledge. The level of inventory should be determined partly by the level of demand and the scope of harvest. Inventory should be developed at the district level. District inventories shall be integrated at the forest level and regional level. The inventory should encompass the following objectives:

(1) Develop a list of species for which inventory information is needed.

(2) Information derived from the NEPA process should be fed into the inventory.

(3) Such Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) tools as the TERRA (Terrestrial) and FSVEG (Field Sampled Vegetation) databases, and the ECOMAP and Existing Vegetation classification and mapping modules, shall be used to track and integrate the inventories at the forest and regional level.

(4) This species presence and abundance information becomes part of a foundation for district-specific determination of available species for commercial harvest. This information does not replace project-specific NEPA analysis.

Monitoring/Administration

As commercial special forest product resource harvest becomes established in the Alaska Region, it is necessary to monitor the ecological impacts of harvest methods and intensities permitted. Results from monitoring activities should be used to adjust special forest product resource harvest parameters. District managers may share monitoring efforts with their cooperative partners to encourage local investment in the program and benefits to the community. The appropriate level

of monitoring is determined through NEPA analysis. Suggested monitoring activities include:

(1) Allow yearly budget, inventories and permit demand to establish a special forest products program that ensures adequate monitoring controls while meeting public demand to the best extent possible.

(2) Establish a monitoring program that involves at a minimum the establishment of pre-harvest baseline conditions and periodic visits after harvest to assess species response to harvest and the associated habitat for impacts.

(3) Incorporate monitoring results into the permitting process (e.g. adjustment of harvest limits).

(4) Incorporate monitoring activities into ongoing fieldwork (e.g. regeneration surveys, harvest evaluations, etc.) wherever possible.

(5) Tie monitoring into the national corporate data base structure (TIM, FACS).

(6) Track monitoring results in the appropriate NRIS database (TERRA, FSVEG).

(7) Permittees shall report the total amount of each special forest product resource harvested from each location at the end of the permitted period.

(8) The special forest products program should not exceed the ability of the Region to adequately monitor its effects. To do otherwise is to violate NEPA and Forest Service sustained yield requirements.

(9) As the program grows, standard rates should be adjusted to reflect current market conditions as well as inventory, monitoring and administration costs. At that time protocol should be intensified to include permit-specific site visits, including permanent plots, on a scheduled basis.

Accountability

It is imperative that accountability be built into the special forest products program or management will be impossible. In order to ensure that permit conditions are being met, the following steps shall be taken:

(1) A written permit shall be issued to each commercial permittee, identifying at a minimum:

(A) Designated harvest area

(B) Termination date of the permit

(C) Product(s) being harvested

(D) Amount of product authorized for harvest (in standardized unit of measure)

(E) Method by which permittee can track the volume harvested

(F) Allowable damage to residual plants/product

(G) Penalties for violation

(2) Commercial harvest permits shall be carried on the permittee at all times while harvesting and transporting the product(s).

(3) Permittee shall keep a running tally of the amount of each product harvested on the back of the permit.

(4) Visit a monitored site once during harvest activity and once at closure to ensure compliance.

(5) If monitoring/administration of the program identifies that unacceptable impacts are occurring, then such areas shall be closed to allow for the recovery of the products.

Violations

Violators may be cited in accordance with the applicable Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), including:

(1) 36 CFR 261.6(a) Cutting or otherwise damaging a forest product except as authorized by a permit or federal law.

(2) 36 CFR 261.6(e) Loading, removing, or hauling a forest product acquired under any permit unless such product is identified as required in such permit.

(3) 36 CFR 261.10(c) Selling or offering for sale any merchandise or conducting any kind of work activity or service unless authorized by a federal law, regulation, or permit.

(4) 36 CFR 261.10(l) Violating any condition or term of a permit.

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James A. Caplan,

Deputy Regional Forester, Natural Resources.
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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 services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: April 10, 2000.

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:
Louis R. Bartalot (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 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:

Grounds Maintenance

Fort Meade, Maryland

NPA: Baltimore Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland

Janitorial/Custodial

U.S. Army Reserve Center, 4655 N. Lexington Avenue, Arden Hills, Minnesota

NPA: Accessibility, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota

Leon A. Wilson, Jr.,

Executive Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Hawaii Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and

regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Hawaii Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000, at the Ala Moana Hotel, Gardenia Room, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues in the State, and plan future projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 6, 2000.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Indiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Indiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000, at the United Way of St. Joseph County, 3517 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana 46660. The purpose of the meeting is to review and act on the Committee's report, "A Study of Decisions to Prosecute Homicides and Drug Offenses in Marion County, Indiana," and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Hollis E. Hughes, 219-232-8201, or Constance M. Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 3, 2000.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 5-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 15—Kansas City, MO; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 15E, Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A., Plant (Internal-Combustion Engines, Parts of Industrial Robots), Maryville, MO

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Kansas City Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 15, requesting, on behalf of the Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A. (KMM), operator of FTZ Subzone 15E, KMM plant, Maryville, Missouri, an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new manufacturing capacity under FTZ procedures within Subzone 15E. It was formally filed on March 1, 2000.

Subzone 15E was approved by the Board in 1989 with authority granted for the manufacture of small internal-combustion engines and transmissions for motorcycles, personal water craft, all-terrain vehicles, subject to certain conditions (Board Order 454, 54 FR 50257, 12-5-89). The Board authorized KMM's request for removal of the conditions in 1992 (Board Order 560, 57 FR 4862, 2-10-92), and an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority under FTZ procedures (engines for lawn/garden equipment and additional small engine production capacity to 500,000 units/year) was approved in 1999 (Board Order 1014, 64 FR 5765, 2-5-99).

KMM is now requesting that its current scope of FTZ manufacturing authority be extended to include small industrial diesel engines and parts of industrial robots. Subzone 15E at the KMM plant (600 employees, 113 acres) would be expanded by some 525,360 square feet from the current 607,080 to a total of 1.13 million square feet of FTZ manufacturing space. Most of the finished engines and industrial robot components are shipped to KMM's Lincoln, Nebraska, plant to equip vehicles and industrial robots