§ 51–2.9 Oral presentations by interested persons at Committee meetings.

(a) Upon written request from an interested person, that person may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be permitted to appear before the Committee to present views orally. Generally, only those persons who have raised significant issues which, if valid, could influence the Committee’s decision in the matter under consideration will be permitted to appear.

(b) When the Chair has approved the appearance before the Committee of an interested person who has made a written request:

1. The name of the spokesperson and the names of any other persons planning to appear shall be provided to the Committee staff by telephone at least three working days before the meeting.

2. In the absence of prior authorization by the Chair, only one person representing a particular agency or organization will be permitted to speak.

3. Oral statements to the Committee and written material provided in conjunction with the oral statements shall be limited to issues addressed in written comments which have previously been submitted to the Committee as the result of notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register.

4. Written material to be provided in conjunction with the oral presentation and an outline of the presentation shall be submitted to the Committee staff at least three working days before the meeting.

(c) The Committee may also invite other interested persons to make oral presentations at Committee meetings when it determines that these persons can provide information which will assist the Committee in making a decision on a proposed addition to the Procurement List. Terms of appearance of such persons shall be determined by the Chair.

PART 51–3—CENTRAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES

§ 51–3.1 General.

Under the provisions of section 2(c) of the JWOD Act, the following are currently designated central nonprofit agencies:

(a) To represent nonprofit agencies for the blind: National Industries for the Blind.

(b) To represent nonprofit agencies employing persons with other severe disabilities: NISH.

§ 51–3.2 Responsibilities under the AbilityOne Program.

Each central nonprofit agency shall:

(a) Represent its participating nonprofit agencies in dealing with the Committee under the JWOD Act.

(b) Evaluate the qualifications and capabilities of its nonprofit agencies and provide the Committee with pertinent data concerning its nonprofit agencies, their status as qualified nonprofit agencies, their manufacturing or service capabilities, and other information concerning them required by the Committee.

(c) Obtain from Federal contracting activities such procurement information as is required by the Committee to:

1. Determine the suitability of a commodity or service being recommended to the Committee for addition to the Procurement List; or

2. Establish an initial fair market price for a commodity or service or make changes in the fair market price.

(d) Recommend to the Committee, with the supporting information required by Committee procedures, suitable commodities or services for procurement from its nonprofit agencies.

(e) Recommend to the Committee, with the supporting information required by Committee procedures, initial fair market prices for commodities or services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.