

qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities, fair market price, and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities 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 to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will 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 proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

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

Coveralls, Disposable
8415-01-092-7529
8415-01-092-7530
8415-01-092-7531
8415-01-092-7532
8415-01-092-7533

(Additional 25% of the Government requirement)

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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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 a proposal to add to the Procurement List commodities to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

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 addition, all entities of the Federal government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities 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 to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will 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 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 have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agency listed:

Lancet, Finger Bleeding
6515-01-225-4757
6515-01-225-8497

NPA: Lincoln Training Center and Rehabilitation Workshop South El Monte, California

Holder, Label, Brass
9905-02-000-8089
9905-02-000-8008
9905-02-000-8698

NPA: Constructive Workshops, Inc. New Britain, Connecticut

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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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 chemical protective drawers and undershirts to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 14, 1994, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (59 F.R. 56467) of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

Comments were received from two contractors. Both of the commenters helped develop similar underwear for another Federal customer, and both have received contracts to supply that underwear to Federal agencies other than the Marine Corps. One has a sizeable contract with another Department of Defense agency at this time.

The contractor that does not currently have a contract argued that the Committee should not add 100% of the Marine Corps requirement to its Procurement List. The contractor contended that adding 100% would preclude it from having the opportunity to secure future contracts for the underwear, thereby preventing it from securing production work to cover its R&D expenditures. This contractor also questioned the capability of the nonprofit agency proposed to develop and supply the Marine Corps underwear, citing the difficulty of manufacturing such items and the failures of all except two contractors involved in developing the existing underwear.

Because no contractor is guaranteed to receive a contract under the competitive bidding system, the Committee does not normally consider loss of the opportunity to bid on subsequent

contracts to constitute severe adverse impact. In this case, the commenting contractor is not the current contractor for either the underwear proposed for addition to the Procurement List or similar underwear being purchased by another Government agency. Consequently, the Committee does not believe that loss of opportunity to bid on the Marine Corps underwear constitutes severe adverse impact on the contractor. With respect to the nonprofit agency's ability to produce the underwear, the Committee has concluded that it is capable based on the results of inspections by the contracting activity, the cognizant military research and development center, and the central nonprofit agency charged by the Committee with evaluating local organizations' capabilities to furnish the Government with specific products and services.

The other commenting contractor, which is supplying similar underwear to another military customer, raised a number of concerns about the proposed addition. Initially, many of the concerns stemmed from the lack of information in the Committee's files, which led the contractor to the correct conclusion that the Committee at that time was not in a position to make a decision on whether it was appropriate to add the items to the Procurement List. Subsequently, the Committee received the necessary information, which was provided to the contractor and reflected in the firm's second set of comments. These included a concern about the capability of the nonprofit agency to supply an acceptable product, an issue addressed above.

The primary objections of this other contractor relate to the possibility that the Marine Corps underwear proposed for the Procurement List might in the future be purchased by the contractor's current customers instead of the underwear it is supplying. The contractor argued that losing the opportunity to compete to supply the underwear that replaced the garments it was supplying would have a severe adverse impact on its operations, including its employees. In addition, the contractor interpreted a Committee regulation regarding new purchases of similar items to mean that if the underwear for the Marine Corps were added to the Procurement List, other Government agencies purchasing similar items in the future would have to purchase them from the nonprofit agency designated by the Committee. Another Committee regulation regarding the applicability of the Committee's actions to all Government agencies was

interpreted by the contractor as having the potential to produce the same result.

The contractor also expressed concerns that the Government would be harmed by having to pay more than a competitively bid price for the garments. Another objection raised by the contractor involved the impact on its operations of a previous Committee decision to add a different item to the Procurement List.

The Committee recognizes that if the contractor's current Government customer decides in the future to purchase the items being developed by the Marine Corps instead of the underwear it is now procuring and the commenting firm is still the current contractor, the circumstances should be considered by the Committee.

Specifically, the Committee would assess the impact of its action on the commenting firm.

Accordingly, the Committee has formally advised the contractor that if the Marine Corps underwear replaces the existing garments in the future, such an assessment will take place. At that time, the Committee would consider all aspects of such impact, including effects on employees, plant and equipment investments, other business relationships, and previous impact. In the case of the last factor, the Committee observed that the commenting firm had not been the current contractor for any items previously added to the Procurement List and, thus, under Committee procedures, would not be considered to have been impacted by prior Committee action.

Notwithstanding its commitment to monitor future impacts, the Committee noted that representatives of both the Marine Corps and the current military customer have indicated that there are no plans for the Marine Corps underwear to replace the garments currently being supplied by the commenting contractor.

With respect to the commenter's interpretation of the Committee regulation regarding purchasing similar items, the Committee does not interpret the regulation in the way suggested by the commenter. The regulation in question only applies to similar items not purchased by the Government in recent years. Therefore, the regulation would not cause the contractor to lose purchases by its present customer. The other regulation commented upon by the contractor would mean, as the commenter suggested, that in the event the contractor's current customer decided to switch to the Marine Corps garments, the customer would be expected to purchase the garments from the nonprofit agency designated by the

Committee. However, as noted above, because such an action could impact upon the commenting firm, the Committee will—if such a switch is made—consider the appropriateness of retaining the total Marine Corps requirement on the Procurement List.

In response to the comments about the price the Government will pay if the underwear is added to the Procurement List, the Committee noted that it is required to establish a fair market price for such items and to revise that price over time. Such a price has been established in this case and the nonprofit agency has agreed to supply the Marine Corps at that price.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities, fair market price, and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

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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 proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

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

Drawers and Undershirt, Chemical Protective
 8415-00-NSH-0091 Size—32
 8415-00-NSH-0092 Size—34
 8415-00-NSH-0093 Size—36
 8415-00-NSH-0094 Size—38
 8415-00-NSH-0095 Size—40
 8415-00-NSH-0096 Size—42
 8415-00-NSH-0097 Size—44
 8415-00-NSH-0098 Size—46
 8415-00-NSH-0099 Size—48
 8415-00-NSH-0100 Size—26
 8415-00-NSH-0101 Size—28
 8415-00-NSH-0102 Size—30
 8415-00-NSH-0103 Size—32
 8415-00-NSH-0104 Size—34

8415-00-NSH-0105 Size—36
 8415-00-NSH-0106 Size—38
 8415-00-NSH-0107 Size—40
 8415-00-NSH-0108 Size—42

(Requirements for the U.S. Marine Corps,
 Washington, DC)

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection request as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW., room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, SW., room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-9915. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3517) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and persons an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement

for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State of Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Resources Group, publishes this notice with attached proposed information collection requests prior to submission to OMB. For each proposed information collection request, grouped by office, this notice contains the following information: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing, or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Frequency of collection; (4) The affected public; (5) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden; and (6) Abstract. Because an emergency review is requested, the additional information to be requested in this collection is included in the section on "Additional Information" in this notice.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Emergency.

Title: Challenge Grants for Technology in Education.

Abstract: The Challenge Grants for Technology in Education Program supports consortia to improve and expand new applications of technology for school reform, student achievement, and professional development of school staff.

Additional Information: An emergency review is requested for OMB approval by March 1, 1995, in order to assure that states will have sufficient notice of the application requirements and selection criteria. We expect to make awards during the spring of 1995.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not for Profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal governments.

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 500.

Burden Hours: 12,000.

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0.

Burden Hours: 0.

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Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok: Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Frequency of collection; (4) The affected public; (5) Reporting burden; and/or (6) Recordkeeping burden; and (7) Abstract. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.