

Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Issuance of this Permit as required by the ESA of 1973 was based on a finding that such Permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 20, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Economics and Statistics Administration

2000 Census Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409), we are giving notice of a meeting of the 2000 Census Advisory Committee. The meeting will convene on Thursday, December 7, 1995, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau of the Census Conference Center, Room 1630, Federal Building 3, and adjourn on Friday, December 8 at 12 noon.

The Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice Chair, and twenty-five member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Advisory Committee will consider the goals of the census and user needs for information provided by the census, and provide a perspective from the standpoint of the outside user community on how proposed designs for the year 2000 census realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Advisory Committee shall consider all aspects of the conduct of the census of population and housing for the year 2000, and shall make recommendations for improving that census.

DATES: On Thursday, December 7, 1995, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn for the day at 4:30 p.m. On Friday, December 8, 1995, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Bureau of the Census, Room 1630, Federal Building 3, The Conference Center, Suitland, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing additional information regarding this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements or questions, may contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3039, Federal Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20233, telephone: (301) 457-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A brief period will be set aside for public comment and questions. However, persons with extensive questions or statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Brenda Williams on (301) 457-2308.

Dated: November 20, 1995.

Everett M. Ehrlich,

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition

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

ACTION: Addition to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 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 June 30, 1995, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (60 FR 34235) of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

Comments were received from the current contractor for this service challenging the fair market price established for the service, the capability of the designated nonprofit agency to perform the service, and the impact on the current contractor. The contractor also questioned the amount of time it took for the final materials supporting the proposed addition to the Procurement List to be provided to the Committee.

The contractor questioned the fair market price established for this service because it is nearly 60 percent above the price which the contractor claimed to have been paid in its last contract year. The contracting officer informed us, however, that the contractor is being paid somewhat more than it told the Committee, and that the frequency of performance of most tasks to be done in providing the service has been increased substantially from that required of the commenting contractor. The fair market price is within the Committee's guidelines for the work to be performed and has been accepted by the contracting officer.

The contractor's challenge to the capability of the designated nonprofit agency mentioned three factors: the existence of a year-long phase-in of workers with severe disabilities to reach the final ratio of disabled to nondisabled workers; the nonprofit agency's total lack of experience in performing contracts of this type and size; and the length of time it took after the proposal to add this service to the Procurement List was published in the Federal Register for the Committee to receive the information it needed from the central nonprofit agency to satisfy the regulatory requirements of an addition to the Procurement List. The contractor also questioned the lack of detail in the central nonprofit agency's description of how the designated nonprofit agency would perform the tasks required for this service.

The nonprofit agency's plan to take a year to move from its initial ratio of disabled to nondisabled direct labor to the final projected ratio is well within the Committee's procedures for startup of a project of this type. The procedures are intended to guarantee that quality performance is maintained during the longer training period which people with severe disabilities require to perform janitorial functions. The process does not reflect a shortage of workers with severe disabilities as the contractor assumed. The nonprofit agency will offer to retain many of the current workers during this phase-in period, which is consistent with the industry practice of retaining direct

labor employees of a previous contractor.

As the contractor noted, the designated nonprofit agency does not have experience in contracts of this type. However, this is not an unusual situation in the Committee's program, which is intended to create jobs for people with severe disabilities by encouraging the nonprofit agencies which employ these people to engage in new businesses. The central nonprofit agency which is providing technical support to the producing nonprofit agency has extensive experience in assisting similar nonprofit agencies perform such services, and it has demonstrated to the Committee that this addition to the Procurement List has very close parallels with other successful additions. The nonprofit agency intends to employ the contractor's project supervisor to provide knowledge of the work site's requirements, including the hospital grade/aseptic cleaning requirements noted by the commenting contractor, and how to fulfill them.

The Committee does not agree with the contractor's contention that the length of time spent developing the project after its announcement in the Federal Register is an indication the nonprofit agency is incapable of performing the service. The changes in the Statement of Work for the service in July 1995 required a reassessment of the labor needed to perform the service, and revision of the pricing proposal which is the basis of the Committee's establishment of a fair market price. These tasks required more time and negotiations with the contracting officer than was contemplated when the proposed addition was published in the Federal Register.

In contending that addition of this service to the Procurement List would have a severe economic impact on the company, the contractor noted that losing the ability to provide this service to the Government would cause the contractor to abandon two commercial contracts in the same area which its Government contract supports. However, the contractor did not provide information on the value of these contracts. The contractor also noted that its sales have declined substantially in the past year, and it is in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The Committee's information on the contractor's current sales, based on an August 1995 projection by the company, shows that the contract for this service is less than five percent of its total sales. It should also be noted that a Chapter 11 bankruptcy is a reorganization with the intent of continuing the company in

business, and in this case appears to have been initiated for technical reasons. Accordingly, the Committee does not agree with the contractor that the proposed addition of the service to the Procurement List threatens the contractor's viability and, thus, does not believe that the addition will have a severe adverse impact on the contractor.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service, fair market price, and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is 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 service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on the current contractor for the service.

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

Accordingly, the following service is hereby added to the Procurement List:
Janitorial/Custodial Shaw Air Force Base,
South Carolina

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 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 February 10, June 16, August 18, September 22, 29 and October 6, 1995, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (60 FR 7945, 31706, 43125, 49263, 50559 and 52388) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services, fair market price, 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

Pallet, Runner
3990-01-415-6951

Folder, File
7530-00-663-0031

(Requirements for the Stockton, CA depot only)

Paprika, Ground
8950-01-079-6942