

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,

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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