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Executive Director.
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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

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: March 24, 1997.

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 October 4, 25 and December 30, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 51881, 55268 and 68706) 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 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

Stakes/Lath, Survey, Wood
5510-00-NSH-0044 thru -0097
(Requirements for the USDA Forest Service, Fort Jones, CA)

Xerographic Paper
7530-01-156-9775
7530-01-157-1015

Services

Administrative Services, General Services Administration, PBS, Northwest/Arctic Region
Commissary Shelf Stocking and Custodial, Fort Monroe, Virginia

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

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.
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Procurement List; Additions

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ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 30, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 30223) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from one current contractor for patient examining gloves. The contractor took issue with the statement concerning impact on small entities that appeared in the notice of proposed rulemaking and with the idea of

nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or have other severe disabilities having preference over other contractors.

The statement in the notice of proposed rulemaking to which the first contractor objected was a conclusion by the Committee, required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that it did not appear that the proposed addition to the Procurement List would have a severe impact on a significant number of small entities. Because the addition will only affect a small number of contractors, the Committee believes this statement was correct. As for the contractor's objection to the JWOD Program, it should be noted that the Program was created by statute to help the large number of people who are blind or have other severe disabilities and who cannot obtain or have difficulty obtaining other employment. By creating the JWOD Program, the Congress recognized that some other Government contractors would lose business opportunities.

The Committee is only adding a portion of the Government requirement covered by this MAS to the Procurement List. Other contractors will continue to be able to supply gloves using the MAS, under which no contractor has any guarantee of receiving a specific level of sales. The Committee will monitor the number of gloves sold by the nonprofit agency to assure the maximum annual amount set aside for the JWOD Program is not exceeded. If that point is reached, the nonprofit agency will be instructed to discontinue marketing its gloves under the JWOD name. Under these circumstances, the Committee does not believe that this addition will have a severe adverse impact on any current contractor.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity 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.