

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 30, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 FR 68706) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from counsel for the previous contractor for this service, which was the current contractor at the time the service was proposed for addition to the Procurement List. The contractor claimed that loss of the contract was potentially devastating, and asked that an impact analysis be done by the Committee on the basis of the information the contractor had submitted.

Until a year ago, the service was performed by Government personnel. The contracting activity for this service has informed the Committee that if the service is not added to the Procurement List at this time, it will be placed with the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s 8(a) Program. The contracting office also furnished a letter from the regional SBA office requesting it to begin negotiations with a designated 8(a) firm to perform the service. Because the service will not be competitively procured in the future regardless of whether or not the Committee adds it to the Procurement List, the commenting contractor will not be eligible to provide it. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that addition of the service to the Procurement List will not be the cause of any adverse impact the contractor may suffer.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the additions 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 current contractors 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, Richmond (Hunter Holmes McGuire) VAMC, Richmond, 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; 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 proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: April 7, 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.

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

2. The action does not appear to have a severe adverse 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.

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 and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies (Requirements for Brooks Air Force Base, Texas)

NPA: San Antonio Lighthouse, San Antonio, Texas

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies (Requirements for the Defense Supply Service—Washington, Arlington, Virginia at the following locations: Park Center #4, 4501 Ford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia; Skyline #3, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Alexandria, Virginia; Rosslyn, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia)

NPA: Virginia Industries for the Blind, Richmond, Virginia

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(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldiers Systems Command, Natick, Massachusetts)

NPA: Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc., Morristown, Tennessee

Services

Janitorial/Custodial Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona
NPA: J. P. Industries, Tucson, Arizona

Janitorial/Custodial NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland

NPA: Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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