

loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the four weeks prior to the second Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the second calendar quarter of 1997.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2018 or later .....	5.500
2017 .....	5.500
2016 .....	5.500
2015 .....	5.500
2014 .....	5.375
2013 .....	5.375
2012 .....	5.250
2011 .....	5.250
2010 .....	5.250
2009 .....	5.125
2008 .....	5.000
2007 .....	4.875
2006 .....	4.875
2005 .....	4.750
2004 .....	4.625
2003 .....	4.500
2002 .....	4.375
2001 .....	4.375
2000 .....	4.125
1999 .....	4.000
1998 .....	3.625

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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:** April 14, 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 January 10, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 1426) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from a contractor which provided the service on an interim basis between the default of the last long-term contractor in February 1996 and the current purchase of the service from the nonprofit agency which will provide it under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. The contractor indicated that losing the contract would have a severe adverse impact on the company and its employees, as there are few other employment opportunities in the area.

The Government contracting activity for this service has informed the Committee that, following an unexpected default by a firm in the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Program, the commenting contractor was asked to perform this service on an interim basis pending its addition to the JWOD Program. The contracting activity also informed the Committee that it would offer to retain the service in the 8(a) Program if the service is not added to the Procurement List, and that the commenting contractor is no longer eligible for participation in the 8(a) Program. Consequently, the commenting contractor would not be able to receive future contracts for the service because it would be reserved for another firm under the 8(a) Program, and any impact on the contractor would occur whether or not the Committee added the service to the Procurement List. Under these circumstances, the Procurement List addition in itself cannot be said to 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 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 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*

Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, California

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.

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 14, 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 August 23, December 30, 1996 and January 24, 1997 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 43523, 68706 and 62 F.R. 3658) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the 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