

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. 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.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following service has been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agency listed:

Janitorial/Custodial

USARC #1

East Point, Georgia

NPA: WORKTEC, Jonesboro, Georgia

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

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

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: May 12, 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: 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 service 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 service to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and 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 commodities and service 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 service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Pen, Cushion Grip, Transparent

7520-01-424-4866

7520-01-424-4872

7520-01-424-4884

7520-01-424-4875

7520-01-424-4847

7520-01-424-4859

NPA: Alhpointe Association for the Blind, Kansas City, Missouri.

Service

Administrative Services

Department of Health and Human Services, Region 8

Denver, Colorado

NPA: Bayaud Industries, Inc., Denver, Colorado

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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: May 12, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 23, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 43523) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from a contractor whose contract to perform this service was terminated for default on March 19, 1997. The contractor suggested that loss of this contract would have a severe impact on its sales. The contractor also asserted that this service was not appropriate for people with severe disabilities because the buildings are not accessible to them, some of the work involves high climbing and use of hazardous materials, and the facility experiences daily unscheduled evacuations and venting of hazardous substances. The contractor attached letters from eight persons familiar with the facility to support its contentions. The contractor claimed that addition of this service to the Procurement List would put a lot of people with families out of jobs, and that many of these people are from socially disadvantaged groups.

The contractor was terminated for default after it informed the Government contracting activity that it was terminating its employees immediately, having failed to pay them because the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is enforcing a levy for long-term failure by the contractor to pay employment taxes. IRS has also seized the vehicles the contractor used to perform the service. A debarment of the contractor for Service Contract Act violations is pending final review at the Department of Labor. The Government contracting