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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 a commodity 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 27, 1997.

ADDRESS: 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 commodity 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 commodity and service to the Government.

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

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

Commodity

Cover, Helmet, Arctic White 8415-00-NIB-0068 (Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, Massachusetts) NPA: Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc., Morristown, Tennessee

Service

Janitorial/Custodial Federal Building, U.S. Post Office & Courthouse Moscow, Idaho NPA: Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho

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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 commodity to be

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 27, 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: On February 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (62 FR 5797) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from the current contractor for this insignia. The contractor indicated that losing the insignia would have a very adverse impact on the business. The contractor also questioned the ability of blind people to safely operate the Schiffli embroidery machinery which creates the insignia.

The nonprofit agency intends to purchase Schiffli embroidered insignias in bulk and finish and package them. As it will not be operating Schiffli machines, the contractor's safety concerns will not apply to the nonprofit agency's operations.

The insignia contract represents a small percentage of the contractor's sales, and the Committee has directed the nonprofit agency to solicit a quotation for bulk embroidered insignias from the contractor. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that impact on the contractor will not be severe, and will be mitigated even further if the nonprofit agency buys its bulk insignias from the 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 commodity listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 USC 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