

suppliers, including the contractor and its competitors, not the nonprofit agencies, have insisted the supply contracts be only six months long.

The second contractor produces only the paper version of the tray, not the plastic version being added to the Procurement List. The firm would like the opportunity to produce the plastic tray, which is replacing the paper version, and is taking steps to be ready to produce the plastic tray.

However, the contractor's plastic tray has not been approved by USPS, which has also advised that the transition from paper to plastic will be a long-term process. Accordingly, the contractor is only losing an opportunity to compete for further contracts, if its product is approved, and the Committee has long taken the position that loss of an opportunity to compete is not severe adverse impact on a contractor without current Government sales of the item being added to the Procurement List. In addition, as noted above, no contractor is completely losing the opportunity to compete for future plastic tray business because approximately one-quarter of the USPS requirements for the tray will be available for procurement outside the JWOD Program.

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 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 commodity to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity 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 proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodity is hereby added to the Procurement List:

Corrugated Plastic MM Tray

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(U.S. Postal Service requirements for East Hartford, CT; Somerville, NJ and Baltimore, MD)

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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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 a proposal to add to the Procurement List commodities to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: August 18, 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 addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities 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 to the Government.

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

Box, Shipping, Fiberboard

8115-00-559-9998

8115-00-559-9999

8115-00-576-8407

8115-00-579-8461

8115-00-559-5516

8115-00-616-9151

8115-00-616-9154

8115-00-993-2790

8115-00-993-2791

8115-00-579-8406

8115-00-616-9147

8115-00-616-9150

8115-00-616-9152

8115-00-774-6562

8115-00-559-9996

8115-00-782-1695

8115-00-926-4887

8115-00-926-4888

8115-00-953-0276

8115-00-935-1140

8115-00-926-4886

8115-00-142-9594

8115-00-901-6434

8115-00-901-6428

8115-00-901-6435

8115-00-935-5904

8115-00-935-5905

8115-00-935-5906

8115-00-935-5907

8115-00-935-6510

8115-00-753-4690

8115-00-753-4691

(50% of the Government's requirement)

NPA: Orange County Rehabilitation

Center—Occupations Incorporated,

Middletown, New York.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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