

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared for the proposed project. Based on a review of the Environmental Assessment and other relevant information, RUS will determine if the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is warranted. Should RUS determine that the preparation of an EIS is not warranted, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; deadline for submission of grant and loan applications for FY 1997 funding.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is announcing that, in light of the current situation regarding the overburdened national delivery system, RUS will accept Distance Learning and Telemedicine loan and grant applications received after the August 12, 1997, deadline if the application is postmarked (or bears the equivalent) on or before August 11, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective August 15, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 13, 1997, RUS amended 7 CFR Part 1703 by publishing revised subpart D, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program, in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with § 1703.113, applications requesting grant funding must be submitted to RUS to arrive no later than August 12, 1997, to be considered for fiscal year 1997 grant funding. Because of delays experienced in shipping parcels, RUS is concerned with the ability of applicants to secure the resources necessary to ensure that applications are received by RUS by the close of business, August 12, 1997. Therefore, RUS will accept Distance

Learning and Telemedicine loan and grant applications received after the August 12, 1997, deadline if the application is postmarked (or bears the equivalent) on or before August 11, 1997.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* and 950aaa *et seq.*, Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 8, 1997.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 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 March 7 and June 27, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 10519 and 34686) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and 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 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 will not have a severe economic 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.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodities

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies

(Requirements for the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois)

Services

Administrative Services

General Services Administration (FSS), 300 Ala Moana, Honolulu, Hawaii

Janitorial/Custodial

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona

Janitorial/Custodial

Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Boulder City, Nevada

Laundry Service

Department of the Navy, Amphibious Group Three, San Diego, California

Mail and Messenger Service

U.S. Army Garrison-Fitzsimons, Aurora, Colorado

Operation of GSA Access Store

Philip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California

Operation of Postal Service Center

Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina

Switchboard Operation

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 400 Veterans Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi

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.

G. John Heyer,

General Counsel.

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