supporting reasons will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Dated: February 3, 1999.

John H. Favro,

Acting District Ranger.

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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: March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, and November 16, 1998 and January 4, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (63 F.R. 56906, 63670 and 64 F.R. 76) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Laundry Service, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, New England Regional Requirements for the following locations: New London Naval Submarine Base, Connecticut; Newport Naval Education and Training Center, Rhode Island; and Winter Harbor Naval Security Group, Maine.

Comments were received from two of the three current contractors for the service and from the Congressional representatives of these two contractors. Both contractors objected to the possibility of losing their contracts, which they noted are an important part of their sales and a dependable source of revenue, in one case for almost nine years. The other contractor noted that its president has a disability, and the other indicated that some of its employees have disabilities. The latter contractor indicated that losing this contract would require it to terminate a number of its employees. The two Members of Congress seconded the comments made by their respective constituents.

The Committee understands the concerns of the commenting contractors, but is also aware that it has a statutory mission to create jobs for people with severe disabilities. Such individuals have an unemployment rate well in excess of other groups, such as the contractor employees who may be displaced by the Committee's action, but can more easily find replacement employment than the people with disabilities which the Committee's action will employ. The percentage of sales which each contractor would lose is below the level which the Committee normally considers to be severe adverse impact, even taking into account the number of years the firms have been performing the laundry services.

With respect to one contractor's statement that his firm employs persons with disabilities, the Committee noted that those individuals do not meet the statutory definition of severe disabilities (other than blindness) used by the Committee. Under that definition, a person must not only have a disability, but be currently incapable of competitive employment as a result of the disability. Thus, the employees with disabilities whom the contractors mentioned are, like their fellow workers without disabilities, in a better position to find other employment than the individuals with severe disabilities who will benefit from the Committee's action. Accordingly, the Committee has concluded that the addition of this service to the Procurement List is not likely to have a severe adverse impact on the contractors or their employees.

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

Odor Barrier Waste Storage Container
7240–00–NIB–0001
7240–00–NIB–0002

Services

Laundry Service, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk

New England Regional Requirements for the following locations:

New London Naval Submarine Base, Connecticut
Newport Naval Education and Training Center, Rhode Island
Winter Harbor Naval Security Group Activity, Maine

Mail and Messenger Service, US Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland

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

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: March 22, 1999.

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