

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 12, 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 January 11, and July 30, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 1591, 41373 and 41374) of proposed additions to and deletion from the Procurement List:

Additions

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the 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 services to the Government.

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

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

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

Janitorial/Custodial

Buildings 115, 985, 995, 2525, 2765, 2766, P600T and R-19, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington

Mailroom Operation

Bureau of the Census, Suitland Federal Center and Metropolitan Area, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, 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.

Deletions

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 may not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on future contractors for the commodities.

3. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities 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 deleted from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following commodities are hereby deleted from the Procurement List:

Ladder, Straight (Wood)
5440-00-242-7151
5440-00-814-5084

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Electronic Application for Patent Examiners—Job Application Rating System (JARS).

Form Number: PTO/2041.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Agency Form Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 1,850 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 3,700 responses annually.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Based on estimates and knowledge of the form, the PTO estimates the burden hours required by the public to gather, prepare, and submit Form PTO/2041, Electronic Application for Patent Examiners—Job Application Rating System (JARS), to be approximately 30 minutes. Depending on the situation, it could take as little as 20 minutes or as much as one hour to complete the on-line application.

Needs and Uses: The Electronic Application for Patent Examiners—Job Application Rating System (JARS), Form PTO/2041, will be used by the public to apply for a position as a Patent Examiner in a user-friendly process. The PTO will use the electronic transmission of this information to review and rate applicants on-line almost instantaneously. It will also be used by the PTO to expedite the hiring process by eliminating the time used in the mail distribution process, thereby streamlining labor and reducing costs.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, farms, Federal Government, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Peter Weiss, (202) 395-3630.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Peter Weiss, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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