

COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed additions and deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a commodity and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a commodity and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly (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.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each commodity or service will be required to procure the commodity and services 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 services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services 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 commodity and

services 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 services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodity

Stand, Office Machine
7110-00-601-9849
7110-01-136-1563
7110-00-601-9835
NPA: Knox County ARC, Knoxville, Tennessee
Government Agency: GSA/National Furniture Center for Zones 2 and 3

Services

Compact Disc Duplication and Printing, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland
NPA: ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia
Government Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mailroom Operation, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 1910 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas
NPA: Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., Dallas, Texas
Government Agency: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Photocopying, James E. Van Zandt Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Altoona, Pennsylvania
NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania
Government Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs

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

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services 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 commodity and services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodity and service are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Commodity

Hood, Radioactive Contaminant Protective

8415-00-NSH-0027

Service

Janitorial/Custodial
U.S. Air Force Recruiting Station,
Wasilla, Alaska

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Director, Information Management.

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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 a commodity and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 31 and September 18, 2001 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (66 FR 45959 and 48115) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The Following Comments Pertain to Milk, Non-Fat Dry, Instantized

Comments were received from the three current contractors for the dry milk, from workers at one of the designated nonprofit agencies, from five Members of Congress, two State representatives, and a county executive supporting the proposed addition to the Procurement List, and from two Members of Congress and two State legislators opposing the proposed addition. Congressional and State legislative opposition to the proposed addition focuses on one plant operated by one of the three current contractors, a very large business which will be only minimally impacted by the addition of dry milk to the Procurement List. That contractor told the Committee it intends to sell the plant to another of the current contractors for the dry milk, but will close it instead if the proposed addition is approved.