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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Conference Entitled “Conservation Reserve Program: Planting for the Future”

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a scientific conference on the Conservation Reserve Program.

SUMMARY: USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Department of Interior’s U.S. Geological Survey are hosting a national conference on the future of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)—the Nation’s largest conservation program.

DATES: June 6–9, 2004. An optional field trip is planned for June 9, 2004, depending on attendee interest. Details will be announced at the conference.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the University Park Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, Colorado. The field trip, if held, will be to the Pawnee National Grasslands and neighboring CRP fields, about 30 miles west of Fort Collins, Colorado. Transportation and directions for the field trip will be provided at the conference.


Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation to attend or participate in the conference should contact Laurie Montgomery, telephone: (202) 205–7832; email: laurie.montgomery@usda.gov, by May 31, 2004.

Conference Registration: Conference attendees may register in advance or at the conference. Registration is $250 per person if completed by May 21, 2004, and $275 after May 21, 2004. Because space will be limited, advance registration is recommended. Cost of the field trip, if held, will be $20 for bus transportation and lunch, for those registering early, and $35 for those registering for the field trip after May 21, 2004. Conference details, including registration, meeting agenda, and hotel accommodations are available on FSA’s Web site at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/crpconf.asp or from Alexander Barbarika at (202) 720–7093; email: Alexander.Barbarika@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: First established in 1985, the CRP is a voluntary program encouraging farmers to implement conservation practices on environmentally-sensitive agricultural land to reduce soil erosion, protect water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. About 35 million acres are currently enrolled. Over 16 million acres of CRP contracts expire in 2007 and over 6 million acres expire in 2008. Determining the future direction of the CRP is thus critical.

FSA Administrator James R. Little says “This conference provides an exciting opportunity for CRP experts to help shape the future of the Nation’s largest conservation program. I’m quite pleased that we will be focusing on results and the need to use the best science and data available for policy development. Science-based understanding is crucial for effective CRP policy development.” Rigorous CRP analysis will inform producers, legislators, budget overseers, and other decision-makers on how best to manage the CRP to maximize agricultural and environmental benefits at minimum taxpayer cost.

Noted conservationist Aldo Leopold once wrote that the complexity of the land organism is the outstanding discovery of the twentieth century. Building on that theme, over 40 speakers drawn from academia, State and Federal agencies, and diverse interest groups will present expert insights into the CRP’s known impacts, impacts still needing research and quantification, and how science can strongly inform future CRP policy.

Depending on attendee interest, FSA and USGS will host an optional field trip to the Pawnee National Grasslands and neighboring CRP fields, about 30 miles west of Fort Collins. The 190,000-acre grassland reserve provides a rare, sizeable example of native grass species.


James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from Procurement List.

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

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: June 13, 2004.


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 proposed actions.

ADDITIONS: If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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. If approved, 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 products and services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 products 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.

End of Certification

The following products and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products

Product/NSN: Battery Non-rechargeable, Lithium.
6135–01–2098–5922,
6135–01–333–6101
NPA: Eastern Carolina Vocational Center, Inc., Greenville, North Carolina
Contract Activity: Defense Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, Virginia
Product/NSN: Flag, National, Intemment (Additional 10% of the Department of Veterans Affairs Requirement)
8345–00–656–1432.
NPA: Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., Miami, Florida
NPA: Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, Huntsville, Alabama
NPA: North Bay Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Rohnert Park, California
Contract Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC
Product/NSN: Glove Plug
2920–01–188–3863.
NPA: Shares Inc., Shelbyville, Indiana
Contract Activity: Defense Supply Center Columbus, Columbus, Ohio

Services

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, IRS Building,
106 S. 15th Street, Omaha, Nebraska
NPA: Goodwill Specialty Services, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska
Contract Activity: GSA, Public Buildings Service (Region 6), Kansas City, Missouri
Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Judiciary Square,
633 3rd Street, NW., Washington, DC
NPA: Melville Horticultural Training Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Contract Activity: GSA, National Capital Region, Washington, DC
Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Key West Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida
NPA: Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., Miami, Florida
Contract Activity: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, North Charleston, South Carolina
Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center, Roanoke, Virginia
NPA: Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Inc., Salem, Virginia
Contract Activity: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Contracts, Norfolk, Virginia

Deletion

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service 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 service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following service is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Federal Building & U.S. Post Office, Dyersburg, Tennessee
NPA: Madison Haywood Developmental Services, Jackson, Tennessee
Contract Activity: General Services Administration
Sheryl D. Kennerly, Director, Information Management.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On March 19, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 13019) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46–48c and 41 CFR 51–2.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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 products and service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and service 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 products and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products and service are added to the Procurement List:

Products

Product/NSN: Blue Examination Gloves (Nitrile), 6515–00–NIB–0236 (Small), 6515–00–NIB–0237 (Medium), 6515–00–NIB–0238 (Large), 6515–00–NIB–0239 (X Large).

Product/NSN: Blue Examination Gloves (Vinyl), 6530–00–NIB–0104 (Small), 6530–00–NIB–0105 (Medium),