

Architectural Barriers Act

The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA) (42 U.S.C. 4151 *et seq.*) requires that facilities designed, built, altered or leased with certain Federal funds be accessible to persons with disabilities. Similar to its responsibility under the ADA, the Access Board is responsible for developing accessibility guidelines for facilities covered by the ABA. The Board's guidelines serve as the basis for enforceable standards issued by four standard-setting agencies; the standard-setting agencies are the Department of Defense (DOD), the General Services Administration (GSA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). The Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) were developed by the four standard-setting agencies to implement the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. Most Federal agencies also reference UFAS as the accessibility standard for buildings and facilities constructed or altered by recipients of Federal financial assistance for purposes of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

In addition to its responsibilities to establish minimum guidelines for facilities covered by the ABA, the Access Board is also charged with enforcing the standards issued by the four standard-setting agencies. (29 U.S.C. 792(b)(1).)

Courthouse Access Advisory Committee

In February of this year, the Access Board announced that it will undertake outreach activities that highlight accessibility within a particular sphere or focus area. Outreach efforts will aim to increase awareness of a particular aspect of accessibility through partnerships with interested stakeholders and the development and distribution of information and guidance materials. The goal of this program is to increase the visibility of different facets of accessibility in a manner that supplements the Board's technical assistance and training programs, builds partnerships with other entities, improves compliance with access requirements, and showcases best practices for accessible design. In choosing access to courthouses as its first focus topic, the Board gave priority to an area that has been problematic or not well understood and where supplementary guidance is needed. Elevated spaces within courtrooms, such as judges' benches and witness stands, and space limitations within the well of the court have posed challenges to designers as to how access can best be achieved. In

addition, there are known and potential design solutions for achieving access to courtroom spaces that bear further exploration. The Board plans to collaborate with agencies that oversee the construction of courthouses, such as the General Services Administration, on addressing these and other issues. The information to be developed will be relevant to Federal courthouses covered by the Architectural Barriers Act and State and county courthouses covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As part of the outreach efforts on courthouse accessibility, the Access Board intends to establish a Federal advisory committee to advise the Access Board on issues related to the accessibility of courthouses, particularly courtrooms, including best practices, design solutions, promotion of accessible features, educational opportunities, and the gathering of information on existing barriers, practices, recommendations, and guidelines. (The Committee will not be making recommendations on agency rulemaking). The Committee will be expected to present a report with its recommendations to the Access Board. The Access Board requests applications for representatives of the following interests for membership on the Committee:

- Federal agencies (ex-officio membership);
- Design professional organizations;
- Judges and court administrators;
- State and local government agencies;
- Standards setting organizations;
- Organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; and
- Other persons affected by courthouse accessibility.

The number of Committee members will be limited to effectively accomplish the Committee's work and will be balanced in terms of interests represented. Organizations with similar interests are encouraged to submit a single application to represent their interest. Although the Committee will be limited in size, there will be opportunities for the public to present written information to the Committee, to participate through subcommittees, and to comment at Committee meetings.

Applications should be sent to the Access Board at the address listed at the beginning of this notice. The application should include the representative's name (and an alternate), title, address and telephone number; a statement of the interests represented; and a description of the representative's qualifications, including technical and design expertise; knowledge of making

courthouses accessible to individuals with disabilities; and familiarity with judicial and court administration.

Committee members will not be compensated for their service. The Access Board may, at its own discretion, pay travel expenses for a limited number of persons who would otherwise be unable to participate on the Committee. Committee members will serve as representatives of their organizations, not as individuals. They will not be considered special government employees and will not be required to file confidential financial disclosure reports.

After the applications have been reviewed, the Access Board will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the appointment of Committee members and the first meeting of the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for November 4th and 5th, 2004, in Washington, DC. The Committee will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2. Each meeting will be open to the public. A notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. Records will be kept of each meeting and made available for public inspection.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
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 is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must be Received on or Before: July 25, 2004.

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 proposed actions. If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the 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 services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 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 services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services; Colville NF Ranger Station; 255 W 11th St., Kettle Falls, Washington.

NPA: Career Connections, Spokane, Washington.

Contract Activity: USDA Forest Service, Colville, Washington.

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services; Grissom Air Reserve Base; 448 Mustang Avenue, Grissom ARB, Indiana.

NPA: Wabash Center, Inc., Lafayette, Indiana.

Contract Activity: Air Force Reserve Command, Grissom ARB, Indiana.

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services; Ranger Station/Comp Bldg.; 765 S Main, Colville, Washington.

NPA: Career Connections, Spokane, Washington.

Contract Activity: USDA Forest Service, Colville, Washington.

Service Type/Location: Document Image Conversion for Disability Claims. At the following Social Security Administration Regions ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia will be the Prime Contractor for this project and will subcontract the requirements to the Nonprofit Agencies identified below: Mid Region (ND, SD, MN, IA, WI, MI, IL, IN, OH, KY, TN, MO, MT, WY, CO, NE, KS, OK).

NPA: AccessAbility, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NPA: Bayaud Industries, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

NPA: Business Technology Career Opportunities (BTCO), Wichita, Kansas.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky; North East Region (MD, VA, WV, DC, DE, PA, NJ, NY, RI, CT, MA, VT, NH, ME).

NPA: Opportunity Center, Incorporated, Wilmington, Delaware.

NPA: ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; South East Region (NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, FL, PR).

NPA: Abilities Inc. of Florida, Clearwater, Florida; West-SW Region (CA, NV, UT, AZ, NM, TX, AR, LA, WA, OR, ID, AK, HI).

NPA: DePaul Industries, Portland, Oregon.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.

NPA: Hope Services, Santa Clara, California.

NPA: The Centers for Habilitation/TCH, Tempe, Arizona.

Contract Activity: Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition

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

ACTION: Addition to procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 18, 2004.

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: On April 30, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 23723) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal government under 41 U.S.C. 46–48c and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

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 to the Government.

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

End of Certification

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

Products

Product/NSN: Pre-moistened Disposable Cleaning Wipes; Antibacterial Wipes, M.R. 591; Glass Cleaning Wipes, M.R. 573; Kitchen and Bath Disinfecting, M.R. 572; Microwave and Refrigerator Wipes, M.R. 590; Wood Cleaning Wipes, M.R. 589.

NPA: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Contract Activity: Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Ft. Lee, Virginia.

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.

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Director, Information Management.

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