*http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/reference-library/standards/stds.htm.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Giler, Deputy Director, Field Management Division, USDA, GIPSA, Room 2429–S, Stop 3632, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20250–3632, telephone (202) 720–0252; or e-mail to: *John.C.Giler@usda.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture ''to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices * * *''. GIPSA is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities. The United States Standards for Beans do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

GIPSA is proposing to change the United States Standards for Beans using the procedures that appear at 7 CFR Section 868.102. GIPSA representatives work closely with the National Dry Bean Council (NDBC) and others in the bean industry to examine the effectiveness of the U.S. Standards for Beans in today's marketing environment. Through discussions, it appears that the current standards continue to meet consumer/processor needs. However, the bean industry has indicated the special grade ''off-color'' in dry beans is not needed to market dry beans.

The special grade designation ''off-color'' has been in the U.S. Standards for Beans for many years. Because it is a special grade designation, it does not affect the numerical grade designation. The current written description for ''off-color'' is: ''Beans that, after removal of total defects, are distinctly off-color due to age or other natural causes but are not materially weathered.''

Off-color is determined on a representative sample of approximately 500 grams after the removal of total defects (*i.e.,* splits, damaged beans, contrasting classes, and foreign material). Beans are considered as ''off-color'' if they are not of a good natural color or are stained to an extent that they seriously affect the appearance of the lot. Beans that are discolored by dust or a slight amount of dirt, which can be removed by processing methods, are not considered as ''off-color.''

Bean color is dependent upon environmental conditions, varietal differences, moisture, storage, and age. Beans grown in various regions may vary greatly in general appearance. As beans mature and are ready for harvest, outside forces such as dew, rain, and sunlight, can greatly affect the color of the beans. These same forces cause beans in the same regions to vary in color from season to season.

Further, beans of one class and variety grown in the Pacific Northwest may have an entirely different color than the same beans grown in the Midwest regions, yet both would be of good natural color for their regions. For example, the Colorado/Idaho grown pinto bean generally has a lighter seed coat color than the pinto beans grown in North Dakota. Both color types appeal to consumers and are considered a ''good natural color.''

Further, there is no visual reference for off-color, and, due to the many variances, attempts to develop a visual reference have been difficult. This can make assessment for off-color sometimes difficult.

The majority of suppliers know their customer and their specific quality preferences. When asked to furnish a light, uniformly colored bean, suppliers generally know the implied color parameters, for their respective areas, that the customer is setting due to the supplier/buyer relationship. However, when the supplier is not clear as to the needs of the customers, they use ''type samples.'' That is, the supplier forwards a sample representing the color and quality they have available to prospective customers for examination and approval. If the color and quality are acceptable, comparable quality is shipped to the customer without incident.

GIPSA recognizes that color is, at times, a concern to buyers. Consequently, GIPSA will provide, upon request, an analysis for color to determine if color is uniform or is representative of a ''type'' sample. When a request for color analysis is made, a statement will be added to the certificate in the ''Remarks'' section stating whether the color is uniform, not uniform, or meets the requirements of the type sample.

GIPSA is proposing to remove the special grade designation ''off-color'' from the United States Standards for Beans. GIPSA will continue to offer assessments for color uniformity on a request only basis. This action will facilitate the marketing of beans from many different regions.

GIPSA will solicit comments for 30 days. This comment period is considered appropriate given the upcoming production season for beans. All comments received within the comment period will be made part of the public record maintained by GIPSA, will be available to the public for review, and will be considered by GIPSA before final action is taken on the proposal.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

**Donna Reifschneider,**

*Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

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

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

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

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 16, 2005.

**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:**

### Additions

On October 15, and October 22, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 61202 and 62020) 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 services 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 51–2.4.

*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 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:* Cup, Drinking, Styrofoam, M.R. 537.
*NPA:* The Oklahoma League for the Blind, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
*Contracting Activity:* Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Fort Lee, Virginia.
*Product/NSN:* Lightsticks (Chemlights)
6260–00–106–7478 (4″—Green)
6260–01–230–8601 (6″—Red-HI)
6260–01–074–4229 (6″—Green)
6260–01–074–4230 (6″—Yellow-HI)
6260–01–178–5559 (6″—Red)
6260–01–178–5560 (6″—Blue)
6260–01–195–9753 (6″—Orange)
6260–01–196–0136 (6″—Yellow)
6260–01–218–5146 (6″—White)
6260–01–247–0362 (15″—Green)
6260–01–247–0363 (6″—Orange/Ultra HI)
6260–01–247–0367 (15″—White)
6260–01–247–0368 (6″—White-HI)
6260–01–265–0612 (15″—Red)
6260–01–265–0613 (15″—Yellow)
6260–01–265–0614 (15″—Blue)
6260–01–282–7630 (4″—Orange)
*NPA:* L.C. Industries For The Blind, Inc., Durham, North Carolina.
*Contract Activity:* Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Service**

*Service Type/Location:* Custodial Services, USDA, Laboratory Research Building, 6301 W. 750 North, West Lafayette, Indiana.
*NPA:* Wabash Center, Inc., Lafayette, Indiana.
*Contracting Activity:* USDA, Agriculture Research Service, Peoria, Illinois.

**Deletions**

On October 22, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 62020/21) of proposed deletions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product and services 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.

*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 may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product 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 product and services deleted from the Procurement List.

*End of Certification*

Accordingly, the following product and services are deleted from the Procurement List:

**Product**

*Product/NSN:* Paper, Looseleaf, Blank, 7530–00–286–5782.
*NPA:* Alabama Industries for the Blind, Talladega, Alabama.
*Contracting Activity:* Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, NY.

**Services**

*Service Type/Location:* Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Federal Building and Post Office, 104 West Magnolia, Bellingham, Washington.
*NPA:* Cascade Christian Services, Bellingham, Washington.
*Contracting Activity:* General Services Administration.
*Service Type/Location:* Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Vicksburg, Mississippi.
*NPA:* Warren County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., Vicksburg, Mississippi.
*Contracting Activity:* General Services Administration.

**Sheryl D. Kennerly,**

*Director, Information Management.*

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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 products 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:* January 16, 2005.

**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 and 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