COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurment List; Deletions

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

ACTION: Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action deletes service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Date deleted from the Procurement List: June 13, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Jurkowski, Deputy Director, Business Operations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deletions

On 4/9/2021, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the service(s) listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 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 additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service(s) 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. 8501–8506) in connection with the service(s) deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service(s) are deleted from the Procurement List:

Service(s)

Service Type: Mailroom Operation; Mail and Messenger Service

Mandatory for: US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District Headquarters and Northwestern Division Headquarters, 333 SW 1st Avenue, Portland, OR

Designated Source of Supply: Relay Resources, Portland, OR

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W071 ENDottage PORTLAND

Michael R. Jurkowski, Deputy Director, Business Operations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, May 19, 2021; 10:00–11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Due to the COVID–19 Pandemic, the meeting will be held remotely.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.


All attendees should register for the Webinar. To register for the Webinar, please visit https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3371041493042213903 and fill in the information. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Dated: May 12, 2021.

Alberta E. Mills, Commission Secretary.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards;
Predominantly Black Institutions
Competitive Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary
Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2021 for the Predominantly Black Institution Competitive (PBI–C) Grant Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.382A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1840–0797.


ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768), and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf.


If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the PBI Program is to strengthen Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) to carry out programs in the following areas: science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM); health education; internationalization or globalization; teacher preparation; or improving educational outcomes of African American males.

Background: Recent data suggests that the COVID–19 pandemic has created mental health and academic challenges for Black or African American students. The psychological impact of an abrupt transition to continuing courses online caused some students to experience levels of stress, thus impacting their ability to perform as well academically. For example, according to a survey of more than 5,000 students conducted by the United Negro College Fund, half of the respondents wanted to return to normal with full on-campus classroom instruction; one third of respondents wanted some in-class instruction with some online courses and 17 percent of respondents thought it was best to have only online courses. Some 37 percent of all students who responded to the survey, and particularly women, said that their mental well-being had declined during the pandemic. According to the “Stay Informed” report published in March 2021 by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, Black undergraduate enrollment declined 6 percent from Spring 2020 to Spring 2021 after declining 2 percent in the previous year. Black male enrollment dropped even further, by 9.7 percent from Spring 2020 to Spring 2021 after falling by 3.5 percent the prior year.

Priorities: This notice contains one absolute priority, one competitive preference priority, and one invitational priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), the absolute priority is from section 371(b)(2)(C)(ii)(V) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1067q(b)(2)(C)(ii)(V). The competitive preference priority is from the Notice of Final Administrative Priority and Definitions for Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 30, 2020 (85 FR 86345) (Remote Learning NFP).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2021, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority. This priority is:

Improving Educational Outcomes of African American Males

Projects that propose to improve the educational outcomes of African American males.

Competitive Preference Priority: For FY 2021 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of


2 https://nscresearchcenter.org/stay-informed/