

by the notice of nonresponsive reply will be permitted under 37 CFR 1.136(a), but in no way can any extension carry the date for reply to this notice beyond the maximum period of six months set by statute. *See* 35 U.S.C. 133. However, any further nonresponsive reply typically will not be treated as *bona fide* and, therefore, the time period set in the prior notice will continue to run.

If the applicant has submitted a complete reply opting to proceed with examination, the application will be placed on an examiner's docket. Alternatively, if an applicant's complete reply includes a request for delay of examination, the USPTO will notify the applicant that the request to delay examination under the program has been approved. Once a request to delay examination under the program has been approved, the applicant will not be permitted to terminate the delay period early. The application will be docketed for examination after the expiration of 12 months from the date of receipt of the request to delay examination under the program.

When examining an application that entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371, the examiner will consider all U.S. patent applications, U.S. patent application publications, and U.S. pending applications cited in the ISR and stored in the USPTO's Image File Wrapper (IFW) system. *See* MPEP 609.03. Other cited documents will be considered by the examiner if form PCT/DO/E.O./903 indicates that the ISR and the copies of such documents are present in the national stage file. *See id.* The examiner is not required to list references cited in the ISR on a PTO-892 and there is no requirement for the applicant to separately list the references. *See id.* References cited in the PCT international phase will only be printed on a resulting patent if the applicant cites the references on an IDS in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. *See id.* and MPEP 609.06.

Part VI. Evaluation of the Pilot Program

The pilot program is designed to assess the inventory and efficiency impacts of requesting examination in view of applicable PCT international phase work products. The USPTO plans to evaluate how requiring an applicant who desires to prosecute an application to request examination in view of international phase work products in the application file impacts an applicant's decision making and application inventory, as well as the quality and efficiency of examination. During or after the pilot program, the USPTO anticipates providing an avenue

for participants to provide feedback regarding the pilot program. As applicable, the USPTO will follow the GAO's Leading Practices for Effective Pilot Design, including: (1) establishing clear objectives; (2) collecting relevant data; (3) evaluating outcomes; (4) considering scalability; and (5) ensuring stakeholder communication. *See* GAO, *Data Act: Section 5 Pilot Design Issues Need to Be Addressed to Meet Goal of Reducing Recipient Reporting Burden*, GAO-16-438 (Washington, DC; April 19, 2016).

John A. Squires,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

Per 45 CFR Chapter XXI § 2102.3, the next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, infrastructure, parks, memorials, and public art.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our website: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda, as well as any public testimony, and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated March 5, 2026 in Washington, DC.

Zakiya N. Walters,

Administrative Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete products and service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: May 09, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 489-1322, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for deletion to the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s)
1005-01-470-3006—Case, Carrying, M240
1005-01-526-8280—Carrying strap
Authorized Source of Supply: Chautauqua County Chapter, NYSARC, Jamestown, NY

Mandatory For: DEPT OF DEFENSE
Contracting Activity: DEPT OF DEFENSE, W4GG HQ US ARMY TACOM

NSN(s)—Product Name(s)
4210-00-542-3480—Hose, Fire, Lightweight, Lined, White, 1" x 50'
Authorized Source of Supply: NEWVIEW Oklahoma, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK
Mandatory For: DEPT OF DEFENSE/GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI

NSN(s)—Product Name(s)
8415-00-105-0605—Cover, M1 Helmet, Woodland Camouflage
Authorized Source of Supply: Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc., Morristown, TN
Mandatory For: DEPT OF DEFENSE
Contracting Activity: DEPT OF DEFENSE, DLA TROOP SUPPORT

NSN(s)—Product Name(s)
8415-01-549-4944—Cover, Lightweight Helmet w/Pad System, Camouflage, XS/S
8415-01-549-4946—Cover, Lightweight Helmet w/Pad System, Camouflage, M/L
8415-01-549-4948—Cover, Lightweight Helmet w/Pad System, Camouflage, XL
Authorized Source of Supply: Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc., Morristown, TN