

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 has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities 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: December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (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 possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

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 commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. 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 commodities 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.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies (Requirements for the Naval Station, Ingleside, Texas)

NPA: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Corpus Christi, Texas

Extra Life & Shipper

M.R. 858

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NPA: Industries of the Blind, Inc., Greensboro, North Carolina

Sponge, Cellulose

7920-01-444-3650

NPA: Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, Mississippi

Services

Janitorial/Custodial

Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Federal Center

9th & Market Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

NPA: Elwyn, Inc., Elwyn, Pennsylvania

Mailroom Operation

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Denver, Colorado

NPA: Bayaud Industries, Inc., Denver, Colorado

Switchboard Operation

Veterans Affairs Medical Center 2250

Leestown Road

Lexington, Kentucky

NPA: Kentucky Industries for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky.

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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 the Procurement List.

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

and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 22, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 13, August 1, September 5, 12, 26 and October 3, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 FR 32288, 41339, 46943, 48050, 50555 and 51827) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Additions

The Following Comments Pertain to Janitorial/Custodial, Calexico, California

Comments were received from the current contractor for this janitorial/custodial service. The commenter claimed that this addition to the Procurement List would have a severe adverse impact on the company and its employees as little other Federal work would remain in its area after this and other Procurement List additions.

This addition would not, in the Committee's view, remove a large enough percentage of the commenter's total sales to constitute severe adverse impact. The commenter was not the current contractor for the other janitorial services in its area which have been added to the Procurement List, so it was not impacted by losing the opportunity to perform those services. The commenter did not provide information concerning possible job losses by its employees, but given the relatively small amount of labor involved in the contract, at most only one or two employees would be impacted. Moreover, the Procurement List addition will create employment for people with severe disabilities, who have an unemployment rate far above that of people without disabilities. Consequently, the Committee believes this job creation outweighs the possible job loss by one or two of the commenter's employees.

The Following Comments Pertain to Tray, MM, Fiberboard

The Committee initially proposed to add the Government requirement for fiberboard MM trays and sleeves to the Procurement List. Comments were received from two companies which