

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 service 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 service has been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agency listed:

Janitorial/Custodial
USARC #1

East Point, Georgia
NPA: WORKTEC, Jonesboro, Georgia

Beverly L. Milkman,
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 has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: May 12, 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 service 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 service to the Government.

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

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service 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 service 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 service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Pen, Cushion Grip, Transparent

7520-01-424-4866

7520-01-424-4872

7520-01-424-4884

7520-01-424-4875

7520-01-424-4847

7520-01-424-4859

NPA: Alphapointe Association for the Blind, Kansas City, Missouri.

Service

Administrative Services

Department of Health and Human Services, Region 8

Denver, Colorado

NPA: Bayaud Industries, Inc., Denver, Colorado

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Executive Director.

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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 the procurement list.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 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: On August 23, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 43523) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from a contractor whose contract to perform this service was terminated for default on March 19, 1997. The contractor suggested that loss of this contract would have a severe impact on its sales. The contractor also asserted that this service was not appropriate for people with severe disabilities because the buildings are not accessible to them, some of the work involves high climbing and use of hazardous materials, and the facility experiences daily unscheduled evacuations and venting of hazardous substances. The contractor attached letters from eight persons familiar with the facility to support its contentions. The contractor claimed that addition of this service to the Procurement List would put a lot of people with families out of jobs, and that many of these people are from socially disadvantaged groups.

The contractor was terminated for default after it informed the Government contracting activity that it was terminating its employees immediately, having failed to pay them because the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is enforcing a levy for long-term failure by the contractor to pay employment taxes. IRS has also seized the vehicles the contractor used to perform the service. A debarment of the contractor for Service Contract Act violations is pending final review at the Department of Labor. The Government contracting

activity determined the contractor nonresponsible for extensions of its contract to perform the service, shortly before the contractor's actions made the default termination necessary.

By its own actions, the contractor lost its contract to perform this janitorial service and has excluded itself from future contracts. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that the addition of the service to the Procurement List will not be the cause of any severe adverse impact on the contractor. Similarly, loss of jobs for the contractor's employees has occurred because of the contractor's actions, not the Committee's.

Most of the concerns over capability of people with severe disabilities to perform the janitorial service relate to special areas called "clean rooms," which have been removed from the contract requirements for the service as it will be performed by the nonprofit agency. In addition, the nonprofit agency is experienced in performing services at the same and a neighboring Government installation, in buildings which are no more accessible to people with severe disabilities than those involved in this janitorial service. Many people with severe disabilities have the agility and other abilities required to work safely on this service.

Accordingly, the Committee has concluded that the nonprofit agency is capable of performing the service.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

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 service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the service.

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

Accordingly, the following service is hereby added to the Procurement List:

Janitorial/Custodial
Cape Canaveral Air Station and Annexes
Cape Canaveral, Florida

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.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Additions

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

ACTION: Additions to the procurement list.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 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: On January 31, February 14 and 21, 1997 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 4721, 6946 and 8003) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

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 services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

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

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Janitorial/Custodial, Naval Reserve Center, Kearny, New Jersey
Janitorial/Guard Service, VA Outpatient Clinic, Brighton, New York
Switchboard Operation, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

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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Executive Director.

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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 the Procurement List.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 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: On February 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (62 FR 5797) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from the most recent contractor, whose contract was awarded in 1994. The contractor indicated that it