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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-075N]

#### HACCP; Opportunity for Early Implementation

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announces that federally inspected meat and poultry slaughter and processing establishments may, upon request, implement and receive inspection under the new Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations prior to the mandatory implementation date. FSIS expects to be able to make early implementation available to most interested establishments beginning in spring 1998.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 31, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William Smith, Acting Assistant Deputy Administrator, Inspection Operations, Room 4437 South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720-3697.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) regulations set forth in 9 CFR part 417 become mandatory in all federally inspected meat and poultry slaughter and processing establishments during the period between January 26, 1998, and January 25, 2000 (61 FR 38806; July 25, 1996). The mandatory implementation date for large establishments (500 or more employees) is January 26, 1998; for small establishments (10 to 499 employees), it is January 25, 1999; and for very small establishments (fewer than 10 employees), it is January 25, 2000.

Some small and very small establishments have expressed interest in implementing the HACCP regulations set forth in 9 CFR part 417 before the mandatory date. Because the implementation of HACCP will likely reduce the risk of food borne illness from meat and poultry products, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will make every effort to accommodate requests for early HACCP implementation.

FSIS has expedited the training of inspectors, and expects by March 1998 to have a sufficient number of HACCP-trained inspectors available to respond positively to most requests. However, because the agency cannot project the actual number of requests, the granting of requests will be contingent on the availability of HACCP-trained inspectors.

Establishments that desire to be subject to the HACCP regulations before the mandatory date should submit a letter to this effect to the District Manager for the area in which the establishment is located. The letter should contain: (1) The establishment number; (2) the date that the establishment requests HACCP inspection to begin; and (3) an acknowledgment that the establishment cannot revert to traditional inspection once HACCP inspection is provided. Interested establishments should understand that early HACCP implementation means advancing the effective date of the HACCP regulations for them and that FSIS will enforce the HACCP regulatory requirements. FSIS will acknowledge receipt of the request and address the practicability of the requested implementation date, based on the availability of HACCP trained inspectors in a return letter. Because of the resource requirements involved in accommodating an establishment's request for early HACCP implementation, once the exchange of letters with FSIS confirming the agreement to implement HACCP on a given date is complete, the establishment will not be able to alter or withdraw from that agreement.

Done at Washington, DC, on: January 26, 1998.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

*Administrator.*

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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 a commodity and services previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 3, November 28, December 5 and 12, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 FR 51827, 63314, 64352 and 65411) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

#### Additions

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and 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 commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will not 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.

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

#### *Commodities*

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies  
(Requirements for the Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona)

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies  
(Requirements for the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina)

Knife, Kitchen 7340-00-205-3335

7340-00-223-7771

7340-00-488-7950

7340-00-680-2758

7340-00-488-7939

7340-00-197-1271

#### *Services*

Janitorial/Custodial, Federal Building,  
648 Mission, Ketchikan, Alaska

Janitorial/Custodial, for the following  
Grand Rapids, Michigan locations: VA  
Outpatient Clinic, 3019 Coit Avenue,  
Special Mental Health Clinic, 3000  
Monroe Street

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve  
Center, 443 Route 119 N, Indiana,  
Pennsylvania

Janitorial/Custodial, Johnstown  
Aviation Support Facility, Airport Road  
#2, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance, West  
Los Angeles Federal Building & U.S.  
Post Office, 11000 Wilshire  
Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

Mailroom Operation, U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers, Humphreys Engineer  
Center Support Activity, Kingman  
Building, Telegraph and Leaf Road,  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

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.

#### **Deletions**

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.

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

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity 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 commodity and services deleted from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the commodity 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.

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

#### *Commodity*

Remover, Floor Polish  
7930-00-045-6923

#### *Services*

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Army  
Reserve Center, 2000 North New  
Road, Waco, Texas

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Army  
Reserve Center, 6401 Imperial Drive,  
Waco, Texas

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve  
Center, 200 North New Road, Waco,  
Texas

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve  
Center, 6401 Imperial Drive, Waco,  
Texas.

**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 services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** March 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**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 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 services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to 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. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

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

Grounds Maintenance, Aliamanu  
Military Reservation, Oahu, Hawaii,  
NPA: Lanakila Rehabilitation Center,  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve  
Center, San Bernadino & Bell,  
California, NPA: Lincoln Training  
Center & Rehabilitation Workshop,  
South El Monte, California  
Janitorial/Custodial for the following  
locations: Schroeder Hall U.S. Army  
Reserve Center, 3800 Willow Street,  
Long Beach, California  
Patton Hall U.S. Army Reserve Center,  
5340 Bandini Boulevard, Bell,