

responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO Rockford service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and WIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Illinois is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Rockford service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and training operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national workarounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that six negative comments were received. All comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the commentors as stated in the service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Marseilles WSR-74S radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Rockford service area is included at attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Richard P. Augulis, Director, Central Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Richard P. Augulis

Date

Memorandum for: Richard P. Augulis,
Director, Central Region

From:

William F. Fortune, MIC, NWSO Pueblo,
CO

Larry E. Mooney, MIC, NWSFO Denver, CO

Scott A. Mentzer, MIC, NWSO Goodland,
KS

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Colorado Springs Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Pueblo, Denver and Goodland Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Colorado Springs service area. This proposed certificate is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided to the Colorado Springs service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Pueblo, Denver, and Goodland WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Colorado Springs service area from the Colorado Springs WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the future Pueblo, Denver, and Goodland WFO locations after the proposed consolidation is included as Attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO Colorado Springs Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future Pueblo, Denver, and Goodland WFOs' Areas of Responsibility. As discussed below, we find that there will be no degradation in the quality of those services as a result of consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO Colorado Springs service area is included as Attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed, and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Colorado is included as Attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Colorado Springs service area will be increased. Some blocking will occur along the western slope of the Rampart Range of mountains but this will have only a minimal impact on the majority of the WSO Colorado Springs service area.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in

concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Reports from Pueblo, Denver and Goodland, Attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. A full compliment of spares is on-station, but one national work-around remains in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from Pueblo, Goodland, and Denver, Attachment F, document that only two negative comments were received at Pueblo. Four negative comments were received at Denver, but only one pertained to the Colorado Springs Service Area. Three negative comments were received at Goodland, but none referred to the Colorado Springs Service Area. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of those who made negative comments as reflected in the reports.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, not applicable, there is no radar at Colorado Springs to decommission.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Colorado Springs service area is included as Attachment H.

We have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (Attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (Attachment K). We believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and we continue to recommend certification.

Endorsement

I, Richard P. Augulis, Director, Central Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Richard P. Augulis

Date

Attachments

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of modification to scientific research permit no. 888 (P559).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Hiroyuki Suganuma, Ogasawara Marine Center, Byobudani, Chichijima Ogasawara-mura, Tokyo 100-21, Japan has been issued a modification to permit no. 888.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:
Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 15, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 57402) that a request for a permit modification had been submitted by the above-named organization.

The modification was issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing endangered species permits at 50 CFR part 212.

Dated: January 26, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits & Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 man's brown undershirts to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 4, 1996.

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 June 23, 1995, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (60 F.R. 64421) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from the current contractor and from agents of the Puerto Rican government opposing the proposed addition to the Procurement List. The commenters noted that the addition, together with the declining Defense Department buys and the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement, would severely impair the contractor's competitive position and the Puerto Rican textile industry, and would cause the loss of a substantial number of jobs in an area of high unemployment.

The Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC), which purchases the undershirts for the Government, has informed the Committee that it plans to divide future buys between the Committee's program and the Federal Prison Industries on the one hand, and commercial industry on the other, in approximately equal proportions subject to the statutory priorities of Federal Prison Industries and the Committee. DPSC has also informed the Committee that it intends to conduct its next commercial buys of the undershirt as directed purchases from companies other than the current contractor. Consequently, any impact on the current contractor which results from DPSC's purchasing decisions would occur whether or not the Committee added a portion of the Government requirements for the undershirt to the Procurement List. In this situation, the Committee has concluded that adding the requirement to the Procurement List would not, in itself, constitute a severe adverse impact on the contractor, its employees, or the Puerto Rican textile industry.

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

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

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

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

Undershirt, Man's, Brown
8420-01-112-1472
8420-01-112-1473
8420-01-112-1474
8420-01-112-1475
8420-01-112-1476
8420-01-112-1477
8420-01-112-1478
8420-01-112-1479
(Between 1,000,000 and 1,600,000 annually)

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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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: March 4, 1996.

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 June 30, November 27, December 1 and 8, 1995, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely