

(61 F.R. 49435) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. A comment was received after the close of the comment period from a contractor at one of the installations involved in this addition to the Procurement List. The contractor claimed that three of its employees would be displaced by the addition. Because the SERVMART warehousing operation is currently handled as part of the larger warehousing operation for which the contractor is responsible, the contractor anticipates a financial impact if the nonprofit agency does not assume some of the burden of performing these tasks and coordinating its activities with the contractor.

The contracting activity has informed the Committee that other work will be found for the displaced employees. The SERVMART inventory will be totally controlled by the nonprofit agency, so it will no longer be commingled with contracting activity property handled by the contractor. The nonprofit agency has indicated that coordination of its functions with the contractor is being developed. The nonprofit agency will perform warehousing operations related to the SERVMART with its own personnel and equipment. Consequently, addition of the SERVMART at this installation to the Procurement List will have no impact on the contractor or its employees.

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 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 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:

Operation of SERVMART Stores, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Jacksonville, 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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### 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:** January 2, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** 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 September 27 and October 4, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 50805 and 51881) 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:

### Administrative Services

GSA, Federal Supply Service Bureau, Service Acquisition Center, Arlington, Virginia  
Janitorial/Custodial, Kilauea Armed Forces Recreation Center, Island of Hawaii  
Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Hilo, Hawaii

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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### 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:** January 2, 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 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona)

NPA: Arizona Industries for the Blind,  
Phoenix, Arizona

#### *Services*

Grounds Maintenance for the following locations:

Rockville Post Office, 2 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms,  
1401 Research Boulevard, Rockville,  
Maryland

Consumer Product Safety Commission,  
10901 Darnstown Road, Gaithersburg,  
Maryland

NPA: Melwood Horticultural Training  
Center, Inc., Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
Grounds Maintenance, USARC, Greenwood,  
South Carolina

NPA: Emerald Center Multi-County Board for  
Disabilities and Special Needs,  
Greenwood, South Carolina

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Border Stations,  
Lynden/Sumas, Washington

NPA: Cascade Christian Services,  
Bellingham, Washington

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#### **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:** January 2, 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 April 26, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 18571) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from the current contractor at both its local and parent corporation levels, its legal counsel, a trade association, two Members of Congress, and the mayors of the two communities in the area where the service will be performed. Concerns were expressed about both the impact the addition to the Procurement List would have on the current contractor and its employees, and the capability of the designated nonprofit agency to perform the laundry service.

On the question of impact, several commenters claimed that the local branch of the current contractor would lose considerable business and be forced to lay off workers. Objections were made to the Committee's focus on the entire business enterprise of a contractor, including the parent corporation, as the entity on which impact is assessed, and the Committee's failure to solicit information directly from the contractor's local operation or to assess the impact of this addition to the Procurement List on the local economy.

The Committee looks at an entire business enterprise because the contractor can use other assets to support a local branch or to compensate for business losses there if it chooses. The Committee is not required to provide direct notice of its proposed actions to affected parties, as opposed to notice in the Federal Register, and frequently bases its initial impact assessment on current financial data from a reporting service, as occurred in this case.

Even if the Committee were to confine its impact analysis to the local branch of the current contractor's business, the figures the commenters have given, which are not consistent with each other, do not show an impact which reaches the level the Committee normally considers to be severe adverse impact. In addition, the Committee has reduced the scope of the Procurement List addition from what was proposed by eliminating the base laundry service, so only the hospital laundry service will be added, which should further minimize impact on the contractor and its employees. The contractor has only held short-term contracts for the hospital laundry service over the past two years, and the values of the contracts have been decreasing due to base downsizing. Consequently, the Committee does not believe the addition will have a severe adverse impact on the contractor or its employees. The commenters did not provide information to show an impact on the local economy, so the Committee has not assessed that impact, in accordance with the regulatory requirement at 41 CFR 51-2.4(a)(4)(i)(C) to address impact matters other than financial impact on the current contractor and the contractor's dependency on the contract over time only if substantive comments are received on those other impact matters.

Commenters also claimed that the legislative history of the Committee's statute shows that Congress did not intend for the Committee's program to have any impact on contractors, citing the legislative history of the 1938 act as interpreted by a 1970 court decision. However, the statute was extensively revised in 1971, and a 1978 decision by the same court stated that the legislative history of the amended statute showed Congress accepted the fact that every Procurement List addition will deprive private industry of a substantial amount of potential business.

On the question of nonprofit agency capability, commenters noted that the nonprofit agency is not in the laundry business and does not have a laundry facility. The role of base contracting personnel in inducing the nonprofit agency to perform this service was questioned. Commenters also pointed out that very stringent health and safety requirements apply to hospital laundry services, particularly in connection with blood-borne pathogens, including a requirement to have a backup laundry facility. They questioned the ability of any small entity to perform the service and meet these requirements, given the performance history of small businesses on this service, and particularly the