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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 a commodity 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 27, 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: 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 commodity 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 commodity and service to the Government.

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

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

Commodity

Cover, Helmet, Arctic White
8415-00-NIB-0068

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, Massachusetts)
NPA: Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc., Morristown, Tennessee

Service

Janitorial/Custodial
Federal Building, U.S. Post Office & Courthouse
Moscow, Idaho

NPA: Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho

Beverly L. Milkman,

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 27, 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 current contractor for this insignia. The contractor indicated that losing the insignia would have a very adverse impact on the business. The contractor also questioned the ability of blind people to safely operate the Schiffli embroidery machinery which creates the insignia.

The nonprofit agency intends to purchase Schiffli embroidered insignias in bulk and finish and package them. As it will not be operating Schiffli machines, the contractor's safety concerns will not apply to the nonprofit agency's operations.

The insignia contract represents a small percentage of the contractor's sales, and the Committee has directed the nonprofit agency to solicit a quotation for bulk embroidered insignias from the contractor. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that impact on the contractor will not be severe, and will be mitigated even further if the nonprofit agency buys its bulk insignias from the contractor.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 USC 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 commodity to the Government.

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

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 USC 46-48c) in connection with the commodity proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

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

Insignia, Embroidered, Tab, Shoulder Sleeve, Army
8455-00-121-1315

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 27, 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 7, 28 and March 7, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 FR 4722, 5797, 9158 and 10519) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

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 Brooks Air Force Base, Texas)

Floor Care Products

7930-01-380-8447

7930-01-380-8387

7930-01-380-8469

7930-01-380-8381

7930-01-380-8365

7930-01-436-7991

7930-01-436-8039

Link, Hasp and Strap Assembly

9905-00-NIB-0001 (orange)

9905-00-NIB-0014 (yellow)

(Requirements for the U.S. Postal Service)

Services

Janitorial/Custodial, Buildings 2186, 5115 and 5324, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Mail and Messenger Service, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division, Charleston, South Carolina

Mailroom Operation, U.S. Customs Indianapolis Center, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Financial Assistance for Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessments to Encourage Research Projects for Improvement in the Stock Conditions of the Chesapeake Bay Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: A total of \$540,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 funds is available through the NOAA/NMFS Chesapeake Bay Office to assist interested state fishery agencies, academic institutions, and other nonprofit organizations relating to cooperative research units, in carrying out research projects to provide information for Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessments through cooperative agreements. About \$240,000 of the base amount is available to initiate new projects in FY 1997, as described in this announcement. NMFS issues this document describing the conditions under which eligible applications will be accepted and how NMFS will determine which applications will be selected for funding.

DATES: Applications for funding under this program will be accepted until 6 p.m. eastern standard time on May 27, 1997. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. No applications will be accepted by facsimile machine submission.

Successful applicants generally will be selected approximately 90 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this document. The earliest date for awards will be approximately 180 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this document.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to: M. Elizabeth Gillelan, Division Chief, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, NMFS, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 107A, Annapolis, MD 21403.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Elizabeth Gillelan, 410/267-5660.