

2. *New and developing issues in agriculture.* Site specific management (production maximization and critical area management) and soil quality are current examples of new areas holding promise of improving agricultural production while maintaining or improving soil conditions.

3. *Global Climate Change.* Studies in this area include understanding future effects on agriculture and forestry of climate change, whether natural or human caused. Priority areas are effects of soil carbon sequestration and release, monitoring changes in soil moisture and temperature over time, and contributions of agriculture and forestry to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emission and to project the capability to adapt to these changes. Studies related to developing data on soil properties that can be used by others in Global Climate research are also of interest.

4. *Use-dependent and temporal soil properties.* Studies in these areas may be closely related to other research activities such as site specific management or to development of long-term soil climate indices through analyses of continuously-monitored properties such as soil water status and soil temperature.

5. *Relationship of the pedosphere to other "spheres."* The relationship of the pedosphere to the atmosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere should be investigated in a globally integrated manner. Included in this area is the development of models linking the soil environment to global models of the earth's interactions.

6. *Paleo-environment.* Studies of paleo-environmental parameters, as proxy models, can be used to predict climatic effects. This is an extremely important area in this era of global climate changes.

7. *Scaling data.* Included in this area are the needs to aggregate data from different sources and different scales and to develop means for dealing with geographically variable data.

8. *Ecosystem management.* Studies should be oriented to integrated units such as watersheds rather than individual farm fields, political areas such as counties, individual soil map units or point-location. The concept of soil landscape should be developed and refined.

How to Obtain Application Materials

Copies of this solicitation, and the Administrative provisions for this program (7 CFR and 3019) may be obtained by writing to the address or calling the telephone number which follows: USDA, National Business Management Center, Acquisition

Management, Attn: Mr. James Lowe, P.O. Box 6567, 501 Felix Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76115-0567, (817) 334-5461. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for proposal information (Braille, large print, audiotapes, etc.) should contact the USDA Office of Communications at (202) 720-2791.

These materials may also be requested via internet by sending a message with your name, mailing address (not e-mail) and phone number, to jlowe@ftw.nrcs.usda.gov. The material will be mailed to you as quickly as possible.

Preparation and Submission of Proposals

Proposals submitted in response to this announcement for research opportunities must be submitted in accordance with the following guidelines.

Proposals shall be less than 10 pages in length. They must contain target dates and deadlines for the proposed research. The research proposal must include the hypotheses to be tested, expected results, and detailed budget, project (executive summary), statement of problem(s), a brief literature review, benefits of the proposed research to NCSS, science and society, proposed outreach program, and existing facilities/equipment. When the project is to be carried out in a cooperative nature with the NRCS, with an NCSS partner, or with another entity, the responsibilities of each partner must be described.

A two page curriculum vitae for each researcher(s) needs to be included with the proposal. A description of the qualifications of the scientist(s) (including degrees, publications, related grants, and past work). Failure to provide full and complete information may reduce the possibility of receiving an award.

Proposal Review

Proposal will be reviewed by NRCS and outside reviewers to ensure that they are within the areas outlined under critical issues and within established procedures of the NRCS. Strong consideration will be given to proposals that have the potential for enhancing the use of the existing data and information presently available at the NSSC.

In accordance with Federal statutes and regulation and USDA, NRCS policies, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving

financial assistance from the Department of Agriculture. Entities or individuals will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities support by this award of assistance.

Roy R. Twidt,

Director, National Business Management Center.

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

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: July 7, 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 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

Bottle, Oil Sample

8125-01-082-9697

NPA: Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Greater Waterbury, Waterbury, Connecticut

Cap, Cold Weather

8415-01-099-7843

8415-01-099-7844

8415-01-099-7845

8415-01-099-7846

8415-01-099-7847

8415-01-099-7848

NPA: Pueblo Diversified Industries, Inc., Pueblo, Colorado, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Hays, Kansas

Vest, Grenade Carrier

8415-01-317-1622

NPA: Industries of the Blind, Inc., Greensboro, North Carolina, Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina

Services

Administrative Services

Nevada Field Office

Las Vegas, Nevada

NPA: Opportunity Village ARC, Las Vegas, Nevada

Food Service Attendant

U.S. Coast Guard Activities New York, Fort Wadsworth

Staten Island, New York

NPA: Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc., New York, New York

Food Service Attendant

Fort Bliss, Texas

NPA: Tresco, Inc., Las Cruces, New Mexico

Janitorial/Custodial

Plains High School

Plains, Georgia

NPA: Sumter County Mental Retardation Services Center, Americus, Georgia

Janitorial/Custodial

U.S. Department of Interior/Bureau of Reclamation

Lower Colorado Regional Office

Boulder City, Colorado

NPA: Opportunity Village ARC, Las Vegas, Nevada

Laundry Service

Evans U.S. Army Community Hospital (all general laundry excluding uniforms)

Fort Carson, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Laundry Service

(all non-hospital laundry)

Fort Carson, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Connie Corley,

Associate Director for Administration.

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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: July 7, 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 March 17, April 4, 11 and 18, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 12596, 16135, 17781 and 19102) 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

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

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