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 David G. Marwell,
Executive Director.
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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: March 24, 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 October 4, 25 and December 30, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 51881, 55268 and 68706) 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

Stakes/Lath, Survey, Wood
 5510-00-NSH-0044 thru -0097
 (Requirements for the USDA Forest Service, Fort Jones, CA)

Xerographic Paper
 7530-01-156-9775
 7530-01-157-1015

Services

Administrative Services, General Services Administration, PBS, Northwest/Arctic Region
 Commissary Shelf Stocking and Custodial, Fort Monroe, 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.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 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 December 30, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 30223) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from one current contractor for patient examining gloves. The contractor took issue with the statement concerning impact on small entities that appeared in the notice of proposed rulemaking and with the idea of

nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or have other severe disabilities having preference over other contractors.

The statement in the notice of proposed rulemaking to which the first contractor objected was a conclusion by the Committee, required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that it did not appear that the proposed addition to the Procurement List would have a severe impact on a significant number of small entities. Because the addition will only affect a small number of contractors, the Committee believes this statement was correct. As for the contractor's objection to the JWOD Program, it should be noted that the Program was created by statute to help the large number of people who are blind or have other severe disabilities and who cannot obtain or have difficulty obtaining other employment. By creating the JWOD Program, the Congress recognized that some other Government contractors would lose business opportunities.

The Committee is only adding a portion of the Government requirement covered by this MAS to the Procurement List. Other contractors will continue to be able to supply gloves using the MAS, under which no contractor has any guarantee of receiving a specific level of sales. The Committee will monitor the number of gloves sold by the nonprofit agency to assure the maximum annual amount set aside for the JWOD Program is not exceeded. If that point is reached, the nonprofit agency will be instructed to discontinue marketing its gloves under the JWOD name. Under these circumstances, the Committee does not believe that this addition will have a severe adverse impact on any current 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 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:

Gloves, Patient Examining

6515-01-373-8306

6515-01-411-4796

6515-01-441-6103

(25% of VA purchases of powdered gloves inspected to the highest standard (e.g., Aladan's "Classic" glove))

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 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: March 24, 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:

Service

Janitorial/Custodial

Naval Reserve Center

Kearny, New Jersey

NPA: The First Occupational Center of New Jersey, Orange, New Jersey

Commodity

Strap, Webbing

5340-01-114-7712

NPA: Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, Mississippi.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 970212029-7029-01]

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Annual Surveys in Manufacturing Area

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In conformity with Title 13, United States Code (Sections 182, 224, and 225), I have determined that annual data to be derived from the surveys listed below are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David W. Cartwright, Chief, Manufacturing and Construction Division on (301) 457-4593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. These surveys will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing for the period between economic censuses. The next economic censuses will be conducted for 1997. The data collected in these surveys will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

Annual Current Industrial Reports

Most of the following commodity or product surveys provide data on shipments or production; some provide data on stocks, unfilled orders, orders booked, consumption, and so forth. Reports will be required of all or a sample of establishments engaged in the production of the items covered by the following list of surveys.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 104-13, these surveys have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control numbers 0607-0392, 0607-0395, 0607-0476, and 0607-0625.

MA22F—Yarn Production

MA22K—Knit Fabric Production

MA22Q—Carpets and Rugs

MA23D—Gloves and Mittens

MA24T—Lumber Production and Mill Stocks

MA28A—Inorganic Chemicals

MA28B—Inorganic Fertilizer Materials and Related Products

MA28C—Industrial Gases

MA28F—Paint and Allied Products

MA28G—Pharmaceutical Preparations, except Biologicals

MA31A—Footwear

MA32C—Refractories