

- To demonstrate the role of vegetation management in resource stewardship.

- To demonstrate the role that ecosystem restoration, maintenance, and protection activities play in helping to sustain rural communities.

- To demonstrate the advantages of improved communication and joint problem solving among stakeholders concerned with restoring the diversity and productivity of forested watersheds.

This initiative is proceeding along two complementary paths: (1) determining how the agency can take maximum advantage of its existing authorities, and (2) evaluating what new authorities are needed to accomplish resource objectives. The first pathway has resulted in the publication of a booklet describing the agency's current authorities and their usefulness in implementing innovative land stewardship projects. This booklet is available from the Pinchot Institute for Conservation, Washington, DC.

In an effort to explore the second pathway, all National Forest System field units were invited in the summer of 1997 to nominate pilot projects that could test new and innovative ways of achieving diverse vegetation management goals. Field managers were encouraged to suggest useful projects that would entail applying processes and procedures beyond the scope of the agency's current authorities. A total of 52 nominations were received, including proposals from each region.

In November of 1997, an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists from both the Washington Office and the field reviewed the nominations and recommended that 22 projects be implemented as pilots. Criteria considered during the selection process included the following: the ability of the project to increase the existing knowledge of how to achieve national forest vegetative management goals more effectively and efficiently, the potential of the project to yield results applicable in a wide range of geographic and ecosystem settings, the number of committed cooperators and the level of public support for implementation of the project, and the degree to which the project would address one or more of the agency's natural resource priorities (improving water quality, riparian restoration, forest and rangeland ecosystem health, and promoting responsible recreation use).

#### Stewardship Pilots

Section 347 of the FY 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Act (Act) authorizes the Forest Service to implement up to 28 stewardship end result contracts, nine

of which by law must be in Region 1. This Act also enumerates the new processes and procedures that the agency may test, to include: (1) awarding of contracts on the basis of "best value;" (2) issuing service contracts up to 10 years duration; (3) exchanging goods for services; (4) retaining receipts; (5) offering sales valued at over \$10,000 without advertisement; (6) designating timber to be cut by prescription or description; and (7) collecting brush disposal and cooperative deposits when the agency conducts contract logging with subsequent sale of the cut products.

The land management goals that may be pursued through a Section 347 contract are set forth in subsection (b) of the legislation. They include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) Road and trail maintenance or obliteration to restore or maintain water quality; (2) soil productivity, habitat for wildlife and fisheries, or other resource values; (3) prescribed fires to improve the composition, structure, condition, or health of stands or to improve wildlife habitat; (4) noncommercial cutting or removal of trees or other activities to promote healthy forest stands, reduce fire hazards, or achieve other noncommercial objectives; (5) watershed restoration and maintenance; (6) restoration and maintenance of wildlife and fish habitat; and (7) control of noxious and exotic weeds or reestablishment of native plant species.

With regard to the noncommercial cutting or removal of trees, the Forest Service has interpreted "noncommercial" to mean a project where the primary purpose is to achieve some nontimber objective, established in the forest plan, that requires manipulating the existing vegetation, such as, improving forest health, reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, or creating desired wildlife habitat conditions. Sawtimber-sized trees could be removed during such projects and sold, but the sale of such timber would be secondary to achieving the forest plan objective.

Because of the limited scope of the pilot testing, the need to provide a better basis for evaluating the exchange of goods-for-services concept, and because the focus of the authorized projects is the noncommercial cutting of trees, subsection (d)(3) of the Act states that any receipts from the pilot projects are not to be considered in determining required payments to states and counties.

Twenty-seven Stewardship Pilot Projects have been selected: North Fork Big Game Habitat Restoration Project (Clearwater NF), Three Mile Restoration

Project (Custer NF), Paint Emery Stewardship Demonstration Project (Flathead NF), Priest Pend Oreille Land Stewardship Project (Idaho Panhandle NF), Yaak Community Stewardship Proposal (Kootenai NF), Dry Wolf Project (Lewis & Clark NF), Clearwater Project (Lolo NF), Knox-Brooks Results Based Stewardship Proposal (Lolo NF), South Fork Clearwater River Stewardship Proposal (Nez Perce NF), Winiger Ridge Restoration Project (Arapaho-Roosevelt NF), Mt. Evans Collaborative Stewardship Project (Arapaho-Roosevelt NF), Upper Blue Stewardship Project (White River NF), SW Ecosystem Stewardship Project (San Juan NF), Beaver Meadows Restoration Project (San Juan NF), Grand Canyon Stewardship Project (Coconino NF), Cottonwood/Sundown Watershed Project (Apache-Sitgreaves NF), North Kennedy Forest Health Project (Boise NF), Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project (Fishlake NF), Grassy Flats Project (Shasta-Trinity NF), Pilot Creek Project (Six Rivers NF), Baker City Watershed Project (Wallowa-Whitman NF), Antelope Pilot Project (Winema NF), Upper Glade LMSC Project (Rogue River NF), Littlehorn Wild Sheep Habitat Restoration (Colville NF), Wayah Contract Logging Service Project (National Forests in North Carolina), Nolichucky-Unaka Stewardship (Cherokee NF), and Contract Logging/Stewardship Services (George Washington-Jefferson NF).

The agency is working on a multiparty monitoring and evaluation process as required by subsection (g) of the Act. Notice of the process will be published in the **Federal Register** as a separate notice for public comment.

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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.

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**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List a commodity 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:** August 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**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 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 commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

3. 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 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 commodity and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

**Commodity***Stapler*

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NPA: Occupations, Inc., Middletown, New York

**Services***Facilities Management*

Federal Center, Defense Logistics Information Services (DLIS), 74

North Washington Street, Battle Creek, Michigan

NPA: Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc., Lansing, Michigan

*Janitorial/Custodial*

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), 214 North Andes Avenue, Orlando, Florida

NPA: Lakeview Center, Inc., Pensacola, Florida

*Janitorial/Custodial*

Fort Hamilton Proper, Fort Hamilton Manor and Fort Hamilton Tenants (less buildings 114 & 116), Fort Hamilton, New York

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

*Janitorial/Custodial*

U.S. Army Reserve Center, Building 213, Fort Hamilton, New York

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

*Linen Rental*

New Orleans Naval Air Station, New Orleans Naval Support Activity, New Orleans, Louisiana

NPA: St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., Slidell, Louisiana

Operation of Individual Equipment Element Store, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

NPA: Lions Club Industries, Inc., Durham, North Carolina

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# **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

## **Procurement List; Additions and Deletions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from 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, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely

Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 22, May 7 and 21, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 13767, 24570 and 27752) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

**Additions**

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:

*Eyewear Prescription Service*

Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Department of Health and Human Services, Phoenix, Arizona

*Operation of Postal Service Center*

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona

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.

**Deletions**

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: