

**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:** March 1, 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 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 will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities 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 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*

SuperDisk Drive

7045-01-454-8199

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Pen, Rollerball, Free Ink

7520-01-461-2660

7520-01-461-2663

7520-01-461-2664

7520-01-461-2665

NPA: San Antonio Lighthouse San Antonio, Texas

*Services*

*Administrative Services*

GSA Regional Emergency Management Control Center

GSA Complex

Auburn, Washington

NPA: Northwest Center for the Retarded Seattle, Washington

Base Supply Center

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

NPA: Envision, Inc. Wichita, Kansas

Base Supply Center

Fallon Naval Air Station

Fallon, Nevada

NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. Seattle, Washington

Grounds Maintenance

BRECC 3900 Loch Raven Boulevard

Baltimore, Maryland

NPA: Baltimore Association for Retarded

Citizens, Inc. Baltimore, Maryland

Mailroom Operation

Internal Revenue Service

(Requirements for Anchorage, Alaska; Honolulu, Hawaii; Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington)

NPA: Portland Habilitation Center, Inc.

Portland, Oregon

Operation of Individual Equipment Element Store

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

NPA: Envision, Inc.

Wichita, Kansas

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-351-829]

**Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Brazil: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigation**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Investigation

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil because we determine that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 29, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Lockard or Javier Barrientos, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2786.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

**Postponement**

On October 15, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil. *See Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil*, 63 FR 56623 (October 22, 1998). On December 1, 1998, the Department deemed this investigation to be extraordinarily complicated, and postponed the preliminary determination to no later than January 25, 1999. *See Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 63 FR 67459 (December 7, 1998). For the same reasons referenced in our earlier postponement, the Department has determined that

additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1) of the Act, we are postponing the preliminary determination in this investigation to no later than February 12, 1999.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

**Robert. S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Government Owned Inventions

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of government owned inventions available for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in the inventions is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally funded research and development.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

*NIST Docket Number: 97-015US.*

*Title: Noise Reduction In Volume Holographic Memories.*

*Abstract:* A method for improving the quality of holographic images by reducing local noise in a holographic memory system is disclosed. The method is characterized by: storing a white reference image and a black reference image in the memory system, storing a series of data images in the memory system, applying a simple model based on a point-to-point of

linear interpolation to the series of data images, the white reference image and the black reference image to provide a series of corrected data images having reduced noise. The simple model is preferably in a form which is characterized by temporal stability for the series of data images for each set of the black and white reference images.

*NIST Docket Number: 97-045US.*

*Title: Granting Assisted Acousto-Optic Tunable Filter and Method.*

*Abstract:* Dense wavelength division multiplexing (D-WDM) is promising in future information networks to increase the communication bandwidth. The invention is an acousto-optic tunable filter that can increase the number of channels significantly by combining a diffraction grating with an acousto-optic spectrum analyzer. The novel grating-assisted acousto-optic tunable filter (GA-AOTF) allows a very narrow spectral bandwidth (only 5% of those of conventional AOTFs) resulting in a significant increase in bandwidth and available channels by a factor of approximately 20.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011199E]

#### International Whaling Commission; Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice sets forth guidelines for participating on the Committee and a tentative schedule of meetings and of important dates.

**DATES:** The February 19, 1999, Interagency Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for tentative 1999 meeting schedules.

**ADDRESSES:** The February 19, 1999, meeting will be held in Room 1863, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Corson, (301) 713-2322.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The February 19, 1999, Interagency

Committee meeting will review recent events relating to the IWC and issues that will arise at the 1999 IWC annual meeting.

The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who is also the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. The U.S. Commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts meetings and other activities to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide input in the development of policy by individuals and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in United States whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

#### Tentative Meeting Schedule

The schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 1999 follows. Specific locations and times will be published in the **Federal Register**.

*April 9, 1999 (Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1863, Washington, D.C.):* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.