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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:** September 27, 1999.

**ADDRESS:** 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

Folder, File, Farmer's Home Administration  
7530-FMHA Item #39  
NPA: Blind Work Association, Binghamton,  
New York, Box, Shipping 8115-01-015-  
1315

NPA: Tarrant County Association for the  
Blind, Fort Worth, Texas

#### Services

Grounds Maintenance  
Fox Island Acoustic Laboratory, 630 3rd  
Avenue, Fox Island, Washington  
NPA: Peninsula Services, Bremerton,  
Washington

#### Janitorial/Custodial

U.S. Geological Survey, 1209 Orca Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska  
NPA: Assets, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska

#### Janitorial/Custodial

Buildings 1714, 1830 and 1831, Fort Polk,  
Louisiana  
NPA: Vernon Sheltered Workshop, Leesville,  
Louisiana

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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:** September 27, 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 June 25, July 9 and 16, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 34187, 34188, 37098 and 38408) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

#### Additions

*The following comments pertain to Facilities Management, Federal Center, Defense Logistics Information Services (DLIS), 74 North Washington Street, Battle Creek, Michigan*

Comments were received from the current contractor in response to a request for sales data. The contractor indicated that losing this project would be "a significant loss" to the company. The percentage of the contractor's total sales which its contract for this service represents, however, is below the level which the Committee normally considers to be severe adverse impact on a contractor.

*The following comments pertain to Janitorial/Custodial, Basewide, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas and Janitorial/Custodial, Basewide (excluding Gymnasium), Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

Identical comments were received from the current contractor and four other small disadvantaged businesses. The commenters opposed the addition of these services to the Procurement List on the basis of impact on the 8(a) Program generally. The commenters claimed that both the 8(a) and JWOD Programs exist to serve disadvantaged individuals, so it would be a conflict to move a project from one program to the other. They also noted that removal of any projects from the 8(a) Program would exacerbate the effects of recent changes in the 8(a) contracting process

and contract bundling by Federal agencies. Accordingly, they asked that the Committee not add these services or any others performed by 8(a) contractors to the Procurement List.

The Committee adds services performed by 8(a) contractors to the Procurement List upon graduation of the contractors from the 8(a) Program, in order to avoid having an impact on the contractors while they remain eligible to perform services which would continue in the 8(a) Program after the contractors' graduation if they were not added to the Procurement List. For Fiscal Year 1998, the JWOD Program's Federal revenues were less than seven percent of the 8(a) Program's Federal revenues, so the Committee does not believe that its Procurement List additions are having a severe adverse impact on the 8(a) Program. The changes in 8(a) contracting processes and opportunities which the commenters mentioned are the result of actions by the Small Business Administration and Federal contracting activities, which are beyond the control of the Committee.

*The following material pertains to all of the items being added 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*

Sachet Bag Assorted Scents & Oil Crystal Assorted, M.R. 1733 (Sachet Bag), M.R. 1779 (Oil)

#### *Services*

Facilities Management, Federal Center, Defense Logistics Information Services (DLIS), 74 North Washington Street, Battle Creek, Michigan  
Family Housing Maintenance, Travis Air Force Base, California  
Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Western Ecology Division, Environmental Effects Laboratory, 200 SW 35th Street, Willamette Research Station, 1350 SE Goodnight Ave, Corvallis, Oregon

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

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

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

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

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Basewide, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Basewide (excluding Gymnasium), Fort Sam Houston, Texas

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Morgantown, West Virginia  
Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service, Fort Belvoir, 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-857, A-560-809]

#### Initiation of Antidumping Investigations: Paintbrushes and Paintbrush Heads, Other Than Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Paintbrush Heads, From the People's Republic of China and Paintbrushes and Paintbrush Heads From Indonesia

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sunkyu Kim, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2613.

#### INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS:

#### The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the current regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

#### The Petitions

On August 2, 1999, the Department received petitions filed in proper form by The Paintbrush Trade Action Coalition (PATAC) which is comprised of the following companies: EZ Paint Corporation; The Wooster Brush Company; Purdy Corporation; Bestt Liebco; and Tru\*Serv Manufacturing, collectively referred to hereinafter as the petitioner. On August 11 and August 16, 1999, the Department received supplemental information to these petitions that it had requested from the petitioner.

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Act, the petitioner alleges that imports of paintbrushes, other than natural bristle paintbrushes, from the People's Republic of China (PRC), and paintbrushes from Indonesia are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that the petitioner filed the petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because it is an interested party as defined in sections 771(9) (C) and (D) of the Act and it has demonstrated sufficient industry support. See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions" section, below.

#### Scope of Investigations

There is an existing antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes from the PRC. See *Antidumping Duty Order; Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Brush Heads from the People's Republic of China*, 51 FR 5580 (February 14, 1986). The scope of the petition on