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Acting District Ranger.

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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 22, 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 October 23, and November 16, 1998 and January 4, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (63 F.R. 56906, 63670 and 64 F.R. 76) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Laundry Service, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, New England Regional Requirements for the following locations: New London Naval Submarine Base, Connecticut; Newport Naval Education and Training Center, Rhode Island; and Winter Harbor Naval Security Group, Maine.

Comments were received from two of the three current contractors for the service and from the Congressional representatives of these two contractors. Both contractors objected to the possibility of losing their contracts, which they noted are an important part of their sales and a dependable source of revenue, in one case for almost nine years. The other contractor noted that its president has a disability, and the other indicated that some of its employees have disabilities. The latter contractor indicated that losing this contract would require it to terminate a number of its employees. The two Members of

Congress seconded the comments made by their respective constituents.

The Committee understands the concerns of the commenting contractors, but is also aware that it has a statutory mission to create jobs for people with severe disabilities. Such individuals have an unemployment rate well in excess of other groups, such as the contractor employees who may be displaced by the Committee's action, but can more easily find replacement employment than the people with disabilities which the Committee's action will employ. The percentage of sales which each contractor would lose is below the level which the Committee normally considers to be severe adverse impact, even taking into account the number of years the firms have been performing the laundry services.

With respect to one contractor's statement that his firm employs persons with disabilities, the Committee noted that those individuals do not meet the statutory definition of severe disabilities (other than blindness) used by the Committee. Under that definition, a person must not only have a disability, but be currently incapable of competitive employment as a result of the disability. Thus, the employees with disabilities whom the contractors mentioned are, like their fellow workers without disabilities, in a better position to find other employment than the individuals with severe disabilities who will benefit from the Committee's action. Accordingly, the Committee has concluded that the addition of this service to the Procurement List is not likely to have a severe adverse impact on the contractors or their employees.

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

Odor Barrier Waste Storage Container
7240-00-NIB-0001
7240-00-NIB-0002

Services

Laundry Service, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk

New England Regional Requirements for the following locations:

New London Naval Submarine Base, Connecticut
Newport Naval Education and Training Center, Rhode Island
Winter Harbor Naval Security Group Activity, Maine

Mail and Messenger Service, US Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland

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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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 22, 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

Paper, Tabulating Machine
7530-00-800-0996
(Requirements of Burlington, New Jersey only)

NPA:

Arizona Industries for the Blind, Phoenix, Arizona
Lighthouse for the Blind, St. Louis, Missouri
Blind Work Association, Binghamton, New York
Tarrant County Association for the Blind, Fort Worth, Texas

Meal Kits

8970-01-E59-0239A
8970-01-E59-0240A
8970-01-E59-0241A
8970-01-E59-0242A
8970-01-E59-0243A
8970-01-E59-0244A
8970-01-E59-0245A

8970-01-E59-0239B
8970-01-E59-0240B
8970-01-E59-0241B
8970-01-E59-0242B
8970-01-E59-0243B
8970-01-E59-0244B
8970-01-E59-0239C
8970-01-E59-0240C
8970-01-E59-0241C
8970-01-E59-0242C
(100% of the requirement of the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer for Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana)

NPA: The Meadows Center for Opportunity, Inc., Edmond, Oklahoma

Services

Grounds Maintenance, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

NPA: Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Sumter, South Carolina
Mail and Messenger Service, Security Assistance Management Directorate (SAMD), Buildings 7611, 7612 and 7613, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama

NPA: Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, Huntsville, Alabama
Mailroom Operation, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, Maryland

NPA: Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-846]

Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Japan

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nithya Nagarajan, John Totaro, LaVonne Jackson or Keir Whitson, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4243, (202) 482-1374, (202) 482-0961, and (202) 482-1394, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

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

unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products ("hot-rolled steel") from Japan is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 733 of the Act. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

Case History

On October 15, 1998, the Department initiated antidumping duty investigations of imports of hot-rolled steel from Brazil, Japan, and the Russian Federation. See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil, Japan, and the Russian Federation*, 63 FR 56607 (October 22, 1998) (*Initiation*). Since the initiation of this investigation the following events have occurred:

The Department set aside a period for all interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage. Throughout the month of November, the Department received numerous filings from respondents and other interested parties proposing amendments to the scope of these investigations. On January 6, 1999 and January 27, 1999, petitioners (Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, Ispat Inland Steel, LTV Steel Company, Inc., National Steel Corporation, California Steel Industries, Gallatin Steel Company, Geneva Steel, Gulf States Steel, Inc., IPSCO Steel Inc., Steel Dynamics, Weirton Steel Corporation, the Independent Steelworkers Union, and the United Steelworkers of America) filed letters agreeing to amend the scope of these investigations to exclude those products for which Itochu International, Inc., Nippon Steel Corp., and others had requested exclusion (see Scope Memorandum to Joseph A. Spetrini, February 12, 1999).

On October 22, 1998, the Department requested comments from petitioners and respondents regarding the criteria to be used for model matching purposes. On October 22 and 27, 1998, petitioners and respondents (Companhia Siderurgica Nacional, Companhia Siderurgica Paulista, Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais, Nippon Steel Corporation, NKK Corporation, Kawasaki Steel, Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd., and Kobe Steel Ltd.) submitted comments on our proposed model-matching criteria.