

program have experienced several benefits including: (1) Effectively advancing prosecution of an application before issuance of an Office action; (2) enhanced interaction between the applicant and the examiner before issuance of an Office action; (3) resolving patentability issues one-on-one with the examiner at the beginning of the prosecution process, rather than after a first Office action; and (4) expedited allowance of an application, relative to standard examination, due to the program's enhanced communication and shorter time periods for response.

Extension: The Office is extending the FAI Pilot Program until August 16, 2012, while it completes its evaluation of the program. During this time, the Office will be gathering and analyzing relevant information, including comments from external and internal participants in order to determine what, if any, adjustments should be made to the program and whether the program will become permanent or be further extended.

Request for Comments: The Office is seeking comments on the FAI Pilot Program. The Office is interested in receiving feedback as to whether the program is meeting the needs of its applicants, and whether any aspects of the program cause applicants to not participate. The following questions have been provided to help elicit the types of information the Office is interested in receiving. However, the list of questions below is not exhaustive and responses do not need to be limited to only information that answers these questions.

(1) *Based on your use of the program, did you experience the benefits of the FAI program set out above? Did you experience additional benefits?*

(2) *Did the Pre-Interview Communication provide you with sufficient, meaningful information to conduct an effective interview?*

(3) *How productive is the interview before first action in advancing prosecution?*

(4) *How would you rate the extent/utility of the information provided in the Pre-Interview Communication and subsequent Office action?*

(5) *What changes would you make to the FAI program? How would these changes improve the program?*

(6) *For any application in which you decided that the FAI program would not meet your needs, what aspect of the program made the program unsuitable for the application?*

(7) *Do you consider the FAI program to be more efficient (or otherwise beneficial) as compared to traditional prosecution?*

(8) *Should the Office make the FAI program permanent?*

Dated: June 29, 2012.

David J. Kappos,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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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 products and services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 8/9/2012.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 5/4/2012 (77 FR 26520-26521) and 5/11/2012 (77 FR 27737-27738), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that products and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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 products and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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. 8501-8506) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products and services are added to the Procurement List:

Products

Steel Roller Mop and Refill

NSN: 7920-01-383-7927—Refill, Sponge Head

NSN: 7920-01-383-7799—Roller Mop, Industrial Steel, 12" Head

NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., West Allis, WI

Contracting Activity: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, FORT WORTH, TX

Coverage: B—List for the Broad Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

Nuts, Flexible Packaging

NSN: 8925-01-E62-1745—Almonds, Shelled, Sliced, Natural (2lb bag)

NSN: 8925-01-E62-1746—Almonds, Shelled, Sliced, Blanched (2lb bag)

NSN: 8925-01-E62-1747—Almonds, Shelled, Slivered, Blanched (2lb bag)

NSN: 8925-01-E62-1748—Walnuts, English, Shelled, Halves and Pieces (2lb bag)

NSN: 8925-01-E62-1749—Walnuts, English, Shelled, Halves and Pieces (2.5lb bag)

NPA: DePaul Industries, Portland, OR

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA

Coverage: C—List for 100% of the requirement of the Department of Defense, as aggregated by the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA.

A comment was received from a contractor inferring that his company currently furnishes products to the Government that are the same or similar to the product specified in this proposal and the addition of the product to the Procurement List will adversely affect their business.

The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee) operates pursuant to statutory and regulatory requirements. Committee regulations state that a commodity is not suitable for the Procurement List if there is "severe adverse impact on the current contractor for the specific commodity or service."

Information the Committee received from the contracting activity revealed that the contractor submitting the comment is not a current contractor providing this product to the Government. Consequently, in this instance, there is no severe adverse impact and the Committee can properly determine if this product is suitable for addition to the Procurement List.

Services

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, St. Anthony Supervisor's Office, U.S. Forest Service, 499 N 2400 E St., St. Anthony, ID.

NPA: Development Workshop, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID.

Contracting Activity: Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Idaho Falls, ID.

Service Type/Location: Custodial Service, Child Care Facilities, Buildings 615, 616 and 9625, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

NPA: Challenge Unlimited, Inc., Alton, IL.

Contracting Activity: Dept. of the Army, W6QM MICC—Ft Leonard Wood, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Service Type/Location: Document Destruction Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 6200 Jefferson St. NE., Albuquerque, NM.

NPA: Adelante Development Center, Inc., Albuquerque, NM.

Contracting Activity: Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service, Albuquerque, NM.

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletion from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add a product and services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities and to delete a service previously provided by such agency.

DATES: Comments Must Be Received On or Before: 8/9/2012.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800,

1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the product and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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. If approved, 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 product and services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product 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. 8501-8506) in connection with the product 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.

End of Certification

The following product and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Product

NSN: 8140-00-NSH-0014—Tube, Cardboard, Grenade, 155 mm Projectile
NPA: SVRC Industries, Inc., Saginaw, MI
Contracting Activity: Dept of the Army, W4MM USA Joint Munitions CMD, Rock Island, IL
Coverage: C—List for 100% of the requirement of the Crane Army Ammunition Activity, as aggregated by the USA Joint

Munitions Command, Army Contracting Command—Rock Island, Rock Island, IL.

Services

Service Type/Location: Contact Center Services, Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Human Resource Center, Alexandria, VA (CONUS).

Contracting Activity: Defense Human Resource Center, Alexandria, VA

NPAs: (Only one of the listed Nonprofit Agencies will be designated by the Commission to perform.)

Project HIRED, San Jose, CA.

ReadyOne Industries, Inc., El Paso, TX.

Peckham, Inc., Lansing, MI.

InspiriTech, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.

ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, VA.

Lakeview Center, Inc., Pensacola, FL.

Service Type/Location: Operations Support Services, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD.

NPA: DePaul Industries, Portland, OR.

Contracting Activity: Dept of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, SFLC

Procurement Branch 3, Baltimore, MD.

Service Type/Location: Hospital Housekeeping Services, Winn Army Community Hospital, 1061 Harmon Avenue, Fort Stewart, GA.

NPA: Professional Contract Services, Inc., Austin, TX

Contracting Activity: Dept of the Army, W40M Southeast RGNL CONTRG OFC, Fort Gordon, GA.

Deletion

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

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. If approved, the action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to provide the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 USC 8501-8506) in connection with the service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following service is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Redden U.S. Federal Courthouse: Fleet Management Center, 310 West 6th Street, Medford, OR.

NPA: Pathway Enterprises, Inc., Ashland, OR.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Public Buildings