

the commenters, a Tribal 8(a) firm, claimed that it had made a substantial investment in preparing to perform this service after being told by the contracting Government agency's small business office that it was in line for the next 8(a) contract for the service. In addition to losing its investment, this commenter objected to the loss of revenue and employment opportunity for its tribe and reservation, which has low income and high unemployment.

The contracting officer for this service informed the Committee that he had told this commenter after a briefing by the commenter on its plans to provide the service that he intended to place the service with the Committee's program rather than awarding it to the commenter under the 8(a) Program if he found the approach by the nonprofit agency designated by the Committee to be favorable, which he did. Under these circumstances, the Committee does not agree that the commenter was led to make the investment it now stands to lose by a clear representation by the Government contracting agency. This commenter is essentially objecting to the loss of an opportunity to perform a service on which it had not become dependent as a contractor. No existing employment will be lost by this commenter as a result of the Committee's action. The Committee does not normally consider loss of such an opportunity to constitute severe adverse impact on a firm. The people with severe disabilities whom the Committee's program serves also have low incomes and high unemployment, which this addition to the Procurement List will serve in a small way to mitigate.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of a qualified nonprofit agency to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is 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 service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish 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 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

(End of Certification)

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: National Lead Information Center (Call Center)/EPA, Supporting Office of Pesticide Programs/ (National Program Chemical Division), Washington, DC.

NPA: Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired & Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Contract Activity: Environmental Protection Agency.

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.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economics and Statistics Administration

Request for Nominations of Member Organizations To Serve on the Decennial Census Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Appendix 2, Section 10(a)(b)), the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) invites and requests nominations of organizations for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to the Decennial Census Advisory Committee. Nominations received in response to this notice will be considered in addition to nominations already received. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for this notice provides information about the objectives and duties of the Advisory Committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before June 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Jeri Green, Chief, Census Advisory Committee Office, Bureau of the Census, Room 3631, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–6590. Nominations also may be submitted via fax (301–457–2642) or e-mail to jeri.green@census.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Chief, Census Advisory Committee Office, at the above address or via e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Decennial Census Advisory Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2) in 1991. The following provides information about the Committee, membership, and nomination process:

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee considers the goals of the decennial census and users' needs for information provided by the census. It provides the Census Bureau a perspective from the external data user community about how research and design plans for the 2010 decennial census (including the American Community Survey) can be effectively and efficiently implemented. The Committee presents an opportunity for an open, balanced discussion that informs and welcomes public comment on all aspects of the decennial census.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and reports to the Secretary of Commerce through the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs.

Membership

1. The Secretary of Commerce appoints the member organizations and designates the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. Member organizations, the Chair, and Vice-Chair serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

2. The Committee consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and a designated representative from each member organization. It is composed of up to forty (40) member organizations. Representatives include heads of member organizations with a substantial interest in the census. The Committee is representative of private sector users; minority groups; professional associations; state, local, and tribal governments; and other organizations. In addition, sixteen (16) ex-officio members serve in a nonvoting capacity. Ex-officio members are representatives of the Postmaster General, the Chairperson and Ranking Member of the Census Oversight and Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees, and a