

to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Comments Must Be Received On or Before:* February 23, 2003.

**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:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, (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, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each service will be required to procure the 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. 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 services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the 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 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 services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### Services

*Service Type/Location:* Electronic Service Customer Representative Service, Securities & Exchange Commission Library, Washington, DC.

*NPA:* Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, DC.

*Contract Activity:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Alexandria, Virginia.

*Service Type/Location:* Housekeeping Services, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

*NPA:* Job Squad, Inc., Clarksburg, West Virginia.

*Contract Activity:* Department of Veterans Affairs, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

*Service Type/Location:* Janitorial/ Grounds Maintenance, Immigration and Naturalization Service—Sector Headquarters, Imperial, California.

*NPA:* Association for Retarded Citizens—Imperial Valley, El Centro, California

*Contract Activity:* Immigration and Naturalization Service, DOJ.

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

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

**ACTION:** Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List a product and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a product and services previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 23, 2003.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Additions

On September 13, November 29, and December 6, 2002, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (67 FR 58013, 71133, and 72640) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to the Custodial Service, Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Comments were received from a small disadvantaged business firm which holds a contract for other custodial

services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center under the 8(a) Program. The commenter noted that it had been pursuing the custodial service being added to the Procurement List for several years, and that a number of its other contracts are expiring and not being replaced by new work.

Consequently, the commenter believes that loss of the opportunity to win the contract for the custodial service being added to the Procurement List will constitute a severe adverse impact on the firm.

The Committee does not consider the loss of an opportunity to bid for contracts on this service, by itself, to constitute severe adverse impact on a firm, as no firm is guaranteed a contract under the competitive bidding system. The commenting firm has not held a contract for the custodial service being added to the Procurement List, so it cannot be said to be dependent on such a contract. The Committee originally contemplated adding the entire custodial service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to the Procurement List, but declined to do so in order to minimize impact on the commenting firm. The commenter will retain its current contract at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and will remain eligible to pursue contracting opportunities in the 8(a) Program, as well as other competitive opportunities, for the near future. At the commenter's request, the Committee has facilitated discussions between the commenter and the nonprofit agency which will provide the service being added to the Procurement List, with a view toward further mitigating impact on the contractor through possible subcontracting opportunities. Accordingly, the Committee does not believe that addition of this portion of the custodial service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to the Procurement List at this time will constitute severe adverse impact on the commenting firm.

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 product and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the product 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: