

character coded format, also entitles the applicant to the same reduction in international filing fees as indicated in item 4(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees (http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.htm#_S). The use of the ePCT zip file would still require all other documents and application parts to be prepared and loaded separately in EFS-Web for filing of the international application.

By using ePCT, an international application will be associated with the user's ePCT account, even before the application is filed, thereby allowing users to share access rights with others prior to filing, if needed. In addition, after the record copy is received by the IB, the application file may be viewed online via ePCT without the need to separately request access rights.

Applicants who are residents and/or nationals of the United States and its territories can file international applications directly with the Receiving Office of the IB via ePCT or other means, provided that any national security provisions have been met prior to filing, including obtaining any required foreign filing license. See 37 CFR 5.11 and MPEP § 140. A foreign filing license does not, however, authorize the use of ePCT to prepare the PCT Request and resultant zip file for filing, as part of an international application, with the RO/US. See 37 CFR 5.15 regarding the scope of a foreign filing license. Also see *Scope of Foreign Filing Licenses*, 73 FR 42781 (July 23, 2008) (“A foreign filing license from the USPTO does not authorize the exporting of subject matter abroad for the preparation of patent applications to be filed in the United States.”). Using ePCT to create a PCT Request and resulting zip file for later submission to the RO/US does not constitute the “filing of an application in a foreign country or to any foreign patent agency or international patent agency” as provided in 37 CFR 5.15(a). Furthermore, an international application filed in the RO/US is not a “foreign application” within the meaning of 37 CFR 5.15(a) or 5.11(b), which authorize the export of subject matter abroad. See 37 CFR 5.1(b)(2). See also 35 U.S.C. 368(b) (“In accordance with article 27(8) of the treaty, the filing of an international application in a country other than the United States on the invention made in this country shall be considered to constitute the filing of an application in a foreign country within the meaning of chapter 17, whether or not the United States is designated in that international application.”).

As set forth above, a foreign filing license does not authorize the export of technical data into ePCT for generating a PCT Request and resulting zip file for filing as part of an international application with the RO/US. More specifically, to complete the PCT Request and generate the zip file, ePCT requires a title of the invention, which may contain technical data. Moreover, although an abstract is not required for creation of the zip file, ePCT allows users to optionally provide the contents of the application abstract, which may also contain technical data relating to the invention. Since this technical data is stored on servers located outside of the United States, users of ePCT are reminded that the export of this subject matter abroad for the purpose of filing an international application with the RO/US may require the appropriate clearances from the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) at the Department of Commerce (See *Scope of Foreign Filing Licenses*, *supra*), the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) at the Department of State, or the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at the Department of Energy.

An ePCT demo system has been set up to enable filers to familiarize themselves with the system. For further information and to get started, go to the ePCT Portal at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>. To begin use of ePCT, a user is first required to obtain a WIPO account (<https://pct.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/en/ePCT/public/register.jsf>) and subsequently associate a WIPO digital certificate with the account (<https://pct.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/en/ePCT/private/certificates.jsf>—requires login). Users without a WIPO digital certificate can obtain one from <https://pct.wipo.int/CertRequest/Verisign/services/WorldIntellectualPropertyOrganizationWIPOCustomerCAV2/client/userEnrollMS.htm>.

Dated: May 2, 2016.

Michelle K. Lee,

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

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Commission of Fine Arts; Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 19 May 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary

Square, 401 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: 26 April 2016, in Washington, DC.

Thomas Luebke,
Secretary.

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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 the Procurement List.

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

DATES: Effective on June 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-4149.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 12/11/2015 (80 FR 76948), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

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 to the Government.
2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

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

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

8415–01–492–0176—Gloves,
Disposable, Nitrile, Industrial-
Grade, Small

8415–01–492–0178—Gloves,
Disposable, Nitrile, Industrial-
Grade, Large

8415–01–492–0179—Gloves,
Disposable, Nitrile, Industrial-
Grade, Medium

8415–01–492–0180—Gloves,
Disposable, Nitrile, Industrial-
Grade, XLarge

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Central
Association for the Blind & Visually
Impaired, Utica, NY

Mandatory For: Total Government
Requirement

Contracting Activity: General Services
Administration, Fort Worth, TX
Distribution: A-List

The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee) received comments from one firm objecting to the addition. The firm stated it is the incumbent contractor for the General Services Administration, and loss of the ability to compete for the future contract will negatively impact the firm's business. In the normal competitive procurement process, there are no guarantees of continuous contracts. Further, the Committee reviewed and applied its standard impact analysis methodology to the information submitted by the firm. The Committee determined, in accordance with its longstanding business practices, that addition of Gloves, Blue Nitrile (Industrial) to the Procurement List would not result in a severe adverse impact.

The Committee operates pursuant to statutory and regulatory requirements. The Committee's mission is to create

employment opportunities for people who are blind or severely disabled. Committee regulation 41 CFR 51–2.4 states that for a commodity or service to be suitable for addition to the Procurement List, each of the following criteria must be satisfied: (1) the addition to the Procurement List must demonstrate a potential to generate employment of people who are blind or have other severe disabilities; (2) the nonprofit agency proposing to provide the product or service to the Federal Government must be qualified to participate in the AbilityOne program as defined in separate Committee regulations; (3) the nonprofit agency must prove itself capable to deliver the product or service at the quality standard and delivery schedule required by the Government; and (4) the Committee reviews the level of impact on the current contractor for the commodity or service.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning employment potential, the qualifications of the nonprofit agency, the capability of the recommended nonprofit agency to provide the products, and the impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractor, the Committee has determined that the products listed above are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51–2.4 at a Fair Market Price and has approved the products for addition to the Procurement List.

Deletions

On 4/1/2016 (81 FR 18839–18840), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are no longer 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 additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to provide 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. 8501–8506) in connection with the services deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following services are deleted from the Procurement List:

Services

Service Type(s): Recycling Service, Pest Control Service, Furnishings Management Service.

Service Mandatory For: Offutt Air Force Base, Offutt AFB, NE.

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply:
Goodwill Specialty Services, Inc.,
Omaha, NE.

Contracting Activity: Dept of the Air Force, FA7014 AFDW PK, Andrews AFB, MD.

Service Type: Janitorial/Custodial Service.

Service Mandatory For: Fairchild Air Force Base: Base and Survival School, Buildings 2249C, 1224, 1302, 1306, 1336, 1344, 1348, 2248D, 2301, 2451A, 1212, 1228, 1324, 1334, 1342 and 1207, OSI Building 5025 and the Social Actions Building 3509 Fairchild AFB, WA.

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply:
Skills'kin, Spokane, WA.

Contracting Activity: Dept of the Air Force, FA7014 AFDW PK, Andrews AFB, MD.

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 Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes products previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.