Deletions

Procurement List Additions and

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 and a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes products from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Effective Date: 3/13/2016.

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 May 8, 2015 (80 FR 26548–26549) and November 16, 2015 (80 FR 70761–70762), 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 service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and service 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 service to the Government.

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

End of Certification

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

Products

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Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Industries of the Blind, Inc., Greensboro, NC, Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, MS, San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind, San Antonio, TX

Mandatory Purchase Plan: US Army; surge requirements as determined by DLA Troop Support that are above and beyond those quantities of ACU Coats allocated to small business, large business, and/or other purchase priority programs

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

Distribution: C-List

The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee) operates pursuant to statutory and regulatory requirements. Committee regulations state for a commodity or service to be suitable for addition to the Procurement List, each of the following criteria must be satisfied: The addition to the Procurement List must demonstrate a potential to generate employment of people who are blind or have other severe disabilities; 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; 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 the Committee reviews the level of impact on the current contractor for the commodity or service.

Federal Prison Industries (FPI) submitted a comment objecting to the proposed addition of the U.S. Army Combat Uniform Coat to the Procurement List. FPI asserts in its comments that, for items already listed on FPI's Schedule of Products like the proposed U.S. Army Combat Uniform Coat, a designated central nonprofit agency of the AbilityOne program must seek a waiver of FPI’s purchase priority before requesting to add the same product to the Committee’s Procurement List pursuant to 41 CFR 51–3.3. Normally, FPI products have a purchase priority over AbilityOne products, as stated in FAR subparts 8.002, 8.603 and 8.704.

However, 10 U.S.C. 2410n and DFARS subpart 208.602–70 provide that, if FPI’s share for the particular product is greater than five percent of the Department of Defense (DOD) market, then DOD must use competitive and fair opportunity procedures in order to purchase additional quantities from FPI, permitting FPI to participate in such competitive process which establishes that FPI no longer has a
mandated priority. The plain reading of both the statute and FAR provision is that FPI temporarily loses its mandated purchase priority in DOD procurements when FPI provides more than five percent of the particular product market share to the DOD. In February 2015, DOD published its annual memorandum reporting that FPI’s share of the DOD market for special purpose clothing, like the U.S. Army Combat Uniform Coat, is greater than five percent and must be competed in accordance with section 2410n and subpart 208.602–70. Because FPI does not have a purchase priority for the U.S. Army Combat Uniform Coat, then a designated AbilityOne Program central nonprofit agency is not required to obtain a decision from FPI as to whether it will exercise or waive its purchase priority before requesting to add a product to the Committee’s Procurement List. Also, regardless of whether or not FPI has a particular product purchase priority, no statute or regulation prevents the simultaneous listing of the identical product on the Committee’s Procurement List. In fact, the FAR subparts 8.603 and 8.704 contemplate a purchasing priority “when identical supplies or services are on the Procurement List and the Schedule of Products issued by the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.” For this particular product, FPI has lost its priority by operation of law, but the AbilityOne priority remains effective.

Section 827 of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (NDAA for FY2008, now 10 U.S.C. 2410n) and supplemental Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation 208.602–70 do not apply to the Javits-Wagner-O’Day (JWOD) Act purchase priority established in 41 U.S.C. 8504 and implemented in FAR subpart 8.7. As preset forth at 10 U.S.C. 2410n, if FPI provides a significant market share of a particular product to DOD, then, by statute, DOD procurement activities may purchase a product listed in the latest edition of the Federal Prison Industries catalog for which Federal Prison Industries has a significant market share (defined as greater than 5%) only if the Secretary uses competitive procedures for the procurement or the product or makes an individual purchase under a multiple award contract in accordance with the competition requirements applicable to such contract. In conducting such a competition, the Secretary shall consider a timely offer conducting such a competition, the applicable to such contract. In addition, the basis for both competitive and fair opportunity procurement procedures is the Competition in Contract Act (CICA) (10 U.S.C. 2304 or 41 U.S.C. 3304) and FAR Subpart 6. Both 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(5) and FAR Subpart 6.302–5, the implementing regulation, provide that an Agency is not required to follow CICA when expressly required by another statute to use different procurement procedures. The JWOD purchase priority, set forth at 41 U.S.C. 8504, is listed in FAR Subpart 6.302–5 as an express exception to CICA and full and open competition. While FPI is precluded by law from exercising its purchase priority for DOD procurements when it already provides greater than 5% of the market share for a particular product, competition in accordance with the Competition in Contract Act does not apply because the JWOD purchase priority is applicable. The JWOD Act states: § 8504. Procurement Requirements for the Federal Government

(a) In General.—An entity of the Federal Government intending to procure a product or service on the procurement list referred to in section 8503 of this title shall procure the product or service from a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or a qualified nonprofit agency for other severely disabled in accordance with regulations of the Committee and at the price the Committee establishes if the product or service is available within the period required by the entity.

(b) Exception.—This section does not apply to the procurement of a product that is available from an industry established under chapter 307 of title 18 and that is required under section 4124 of title 18 to be procured from that industry.

Pursuant to section 8504, an exception to the JWOD priority exists for procurement of a “product that is available” from FPI. When an FPI product reaches the market share of sales specified in section 2410n the product is no longer available from FPI on a priority basis pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4124.

Therefore, if the same product is listed on the Procurement List, then Federal agencies must purchase from the designated nonprofit agencies (assuming nonprofits are able to deliver the substantially same product in the delivery window required), and cannot elect to pursue the competitive process outlined in section 2410n while ignoring the priorities set forth in the JWOD Act 41 U.S.C. 8504, and FAR subparts 8.602, 8.603 and 8.704.

Service
Service Type: Furniture Design and Configuration Service
Service Is Mandatory For: New Hampshire National Guard, Newington, NH
Mandatory Source of Supply: Industries for the Blind Inc., West Allis, WI
Contracting Activity: United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO), New Hampshire National Guard, Pease ANGB, NH

Deletions
On January 8, 2016 (81 FR 916–917), 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 products 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 may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may 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 deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification
Accordingly, the following products are deleted from the Procurement List:

Products
NSN(s)—Product Name(s):
7510–01–600–8033—Dated 2015 18-month Paper Wall Planner, 24” x 37”
7510–01–600–8044—Dated 2015 12-Month 2-Sided Laminated Wall Planner, 24” x 37”

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, IL
Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, FSS Household and Industrial Furniture, Arlington, VA

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):
7510–01–600–7560—Monthly Wall Calendar, Dated 2015, Jan.–Dec. 8 1/2” x 11”
7530–01–600–7569—Daily Desk Planner, Dated 2015, Wire bound, Non-refillable, Black Cover
7510–01–600–7574—Wall Calendar, Dated 2015, Wire Bound w/Hanger, 12” x 17”
7530–01–600–7603—Monthly Desk Planner, Dated 2015, Wire Bound, Non-refillable, Black Cover
7530–01–600–7613—Weekly Desk Planner, Dated 2015, Wire Bound, Non-refillable, Black Cover
7530–01–600–7629—Weekly Planner Book, Dated 2015, 5” x 8”
7510–01–600–7631—Wall Calendar, Dated 2015, Wire Bound w/hanger, 15.5” x 22”

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, IL

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC

Contracting Activity: W40M Northern Region Contract Office, Fort Belvoir, VA

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLINDED OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Addition

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

ACTION: Addition to the procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds a service to the Procurement List that will be provided by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Effective Date: 2/29/2016.

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:

Addition

On December 18, 2015 (80 FR 79031–79032), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented, it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to furnish the service and impact of the additions 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. 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 provide the service to the Government.

2. The action will 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 U.S.C. 8501–8506) 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: Help Desk Support Service
Service is Mandatory For: U.S. Army, Army Training Support Center, Combined Arms Center for Training, 3306 Wilson Avenue, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply:
ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, VA, Orion Career Works, Auburn, WA

Contracting Activity: Dept of the Army, W6QM MICC–FDO Ft Eustis, Fort Eustis, VA

Additional Information

The Committee finds good cause to dispense with the 30-day delay in the effective date normally required by the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(d). This addition to the Committee’s Procurement List is a reaction to the expiration of the U.S. Army help desk support services contract. The Federal customer contacted, and has worked with the AbilityOne Program since April 2015 to fulfill this service need under the AbilityOne Program. To avoid performance disruption, and the possibility that the U.S. Army will have no viable alternative but to procure this service, this addition must be effective on February 29, 2016, ensuring timely execution for a March 1, 2016, start date while still allowing 18 days for comment. Pursuant to its own regulation 41 CFR 51–2.4, the Committee has been in contact with one of the affected parties, the incumbent of the expiring contract, since May 2015 and determined that no severe adverse impact exists. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the Federal Register on December 18, 2015, and did not receive any comments from any interested persons, including from the incumbent contractor. This addition will not create a public hardship and has limited effect on the public at large, but rather will create new jobs for other affected parties—people with severe disabilities in the AbilityOne program who otherwise face challenges locating employment and will enable Federal customer operations to continue without interruption.

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 products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes a product previously furnished by such agency.

DATES: Comments Must Be Received On Or Before: 3/13/2016.

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 or To Submit Comments Contact: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

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 products listed below from nonprofit