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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 to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 2 and 13, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 F.R. 63820 and 65520) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and service 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:

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 commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. 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 commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

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

#### Commodities

##### Bib Overall, Fleece

8415-00-NSH-0332 (Medium—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0333 (Medium—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0345 (Small—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0346 (Small Long—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0347 (Medium Long—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0348 (Large—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0349 (Large Long—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0350 (X-Large—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0351 (Small—100 Wt) 8415-00-NSH-0352 (Small Long—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0353 (Medium Long—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0354 (Large—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0355 (Large Long—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0356 (X-Large—100 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

##### Jacket, Fleece (SH)

8415-00-NSH-0334 (Medium—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0357 (Small—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0358 (Large—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0359 (Large Long—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0360 (X-Large—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0361 (X-Large Long—200 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

##### Shirt, Fleece (SH)

8415-00-NSH-0330 (Medium—300 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0331 (Medium—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0337 (X-Small—300 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0338 (Small—300 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0339 (Large—300 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0340 (X-Large—300 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0341 (X-Small—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0342 (Small—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0343 (Large—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0344 (X-Large—200 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

##### Trousers, Fleece (SH)

8415-00-NSH-0335 (Medium—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0336 (Medium—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0362 (Small—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0363 (Large—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0364 (X-Large—100 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0365 (Small—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0366 (Large—200 Wt)  
8415-00-NSH-0367 (X-Large—200 Wt)

(Requirements for the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Natick, MA)

#### Service

Grounds Maintenance for the following locations:

Rockville Post Office, 2 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 1401 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland

Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10901 Darnstown Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland

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.

Beverly L. Milkman,

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### Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** March 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (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, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) 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. 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. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. 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 have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Janitorial/Custodial, VA Outpatient Clinic, Las Vegas, Nevada

NPA: Opportunity Village ARC, Las Vegas, Nevada

Janitorial/Guard Service, VA Outpatient Clinic, Brighton, New York

NPA: Rochester Rehabilitation Center, Rochester, New York

Laundry Service, Cadet Linen Exchange Service, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Laundry Service, U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Laundry Service, Cadet Dining Hall, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Laundry Service, Basewide, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Operation of SERVIMART Store, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas

NPA: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Corpus Christi, Texas

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### 1997 National Survey; Proposed Collection

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) should be directed to Cleo R. Jenkins, collection instrument(s) should be directed to Cleo R. Jenkins, Bureau of the Census, Room 3125-4, Washington, DC 20233-9150, (301) 457-4994.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The 1997 National Survey is part of the Census Bureau's continuing effort to design Census 2000 mailing packages that are respondent friendly, machine imageable, and cost efficient. Short form mailing packages are sent to the vast majority of the population. These packages request basic information, such as name, sex, date of birth, Hispanic origin, the race of all the household members, and the owner/renter status of the address. Long form mailing packages are sent to only a portion of the population. These packages request additional information over the short form packages, such as information on education, work, disabilities, and housing characteristics. As a result of time constraints, major features of the 1998 Dress Rehearsal mailing packages have been identified and decided upon. The dress rehearsal short form will be a one-page rollfold with icons and messages in reverse print (white text on black background). The long form will be a 32-page booklet with a household roster, and with icons and messages in reverse print. The accompanying envelope will have a reverse-print logo in the upper left-hand corner and the mandatory message with a seal outlined in gold to the left of the address window. Although these mailing packages have been identified as best given the latest research, it is also true that this research is lacking and that important, unanswered questions remain about these designs. Therefore, the 1997 National Survey has been designed to determine the effects of the following:

1. *Icons and benefit messages on both the short and long forms.* Simple icons with short motivating messages in reverse print have been developed for use in the upper corners of the questionnaires. The icons and messages are intended to make respondents feel

good about the census at the very least and encourage response at the best. Although these icons and messages tested relatively well in small-scale, in-house cognitive tests and in targeted focus groups in select cities, we need to ensure that this is true at the national level, especially since literature regarding the use of icons with messages in surveys is non-existent. This survey is designed to determine if icons and messages affect response rates or item non-response rates.

2. *Alternative form structures on the short form.* The forms tested since 1990 have been composed of 17" x 11" sheets of paper stapled together to form 8.5" x 11" page booklets. The newly designed short form is composed of one folded 22" x 11" sheet of paper, which is called a rollfold. Although cognitive research suggests that respondents will be more likely to correctly operate a booklet than a rollfold, booklets are also more expensive to process than rollfolds. Therefore, a test of these trade-offs is needed. This survey is designed to determine if alternative form structures affect response rates or the consistency between the household question and data-defined persons.

3. *A "household count" question versus a household roster on the long form.* The results of the National Content Survey showed that a household roster on the short form does not improve household coverage over a form that contains a "household count" question. However, no testing of a rostered vs. a no-roster form was conducted with the long form. Although the decision has been made to use a rostered long form for the 1998 Dress Rehearsal, questions about whether it will improve coverage or not remain. This survey is designed to compare the item non-response rates between the roster vs. the "household count" question, the consistency in data between the two, and the differences in average household size for the two forms.

4. *A comparison with past tests on the short form.* In light of the dramatic changes that are being incorporated into the 1998 Dress Rehearsal short form mailing package (i.e., new one-sheet format, one-column panels, type of fold, color, and envelope design), it is important that we maintain a benchmark to determine whether the collective effect of these changes continues to move us forward on both response rate and item nonresponse. Therefore, we propose to include the highest performing short form mailing package we have tested to date (Form 1G from the National Content Survey).