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### **Change in Solicitation Procedures Under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Title VII of the "Business Opportunity Development Reform Act of 1988" (Public Law 100-656) established the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and designated nine (9) agencies, including GSA, to conduct the program over a four (4) year period from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1992. The Small Business Opportunity Enhancement Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-366) extended the demonstration program until September 1996 and made certain changes in the procedures for operation of the demonstration program. The law designated four (4) industry groups for testing whether the competitive capabilities of the specified industry groups will enable them to successfully compete on an unrestricted basis. The four (4) industry groups are: construction (except dredging); architectural and engineering (A&E) services (including surveying and mapping); refuse systems and related services (limited to trash/garbage collection); and non-nuclear ship repair. Under the program, when a participating agency misses its small business participation goal, restricted competition is reinstituted only for those contracting activities that failed to attain the goal. The small business goal is 40 percent of the total contract dollars awarded for construction, trash/garbage collection services, and non-nuclear ship repair and 35 percent of the total contract dollars awarded for architect-engineer services. This notice announces modifications to GSA's solicitation practices under the demonstration program based on a review of the agency's performance during the period from April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996. Modifications to solicitation practices are outlined in the Supplementary Information section below and apply to solicitations issued on or after July 1, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Wisnowski, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy, (202) 501-1224.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Procurements of construction or trash/garbage collection with an estimated value of \$25,000 or less will be reserved for emerging small business concerns in accordance with the procedures outlined in the interim policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (58 FR 13513, March 11, 1993).

Procurement of construction or trash/garbage collection with an estimated value that exceeds \$25,000 by GSA contracting activities will be made in accordance with the following procedures;

#### *Construction Services in Groups 15, 16, and 17:*

Procurement for all construction services (except solicitations issued by GSA contracting activities in Regions 1, 3, 5, 6, and 9 in SIC Group 15) shall be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Procurements for construction services in SIC Group 15 issued by GSA contracting activities in Regions 1, 3, 5, 6, and 9 shall be set aside for small business when there is a reasonable expectation of obtaining competition from two or more small businesses. If no expectation exists, the procurements will be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Region 1 encompasses the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Region 3 encompasses the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland (except Montgomery and Prince Georges counties), and Virginia (except the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William).

Region 5 encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Region 6 encompasses the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Region 9 encompasses the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

#### *Trash/garbage collection services in PSC S205:*

Procurement for trash/garbage collection services in PSC S205 will be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

#### *Architect-Engineer services (all PSC codes under the Demonstration Program):*

Procurements for all architect-engineer services (except procurements issued by contracting activities in GSA Regions 3, 4, 5, 9, and the National

Capital Region) shall be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Procurements for architect-engineer services issued by contracting activities in Regions 3, 4, 5, 9, and the National Capital Region shall be set aside for small business when there is a reasonable expectation of obtaining competition from two or more small businesses. If no expectation exists, the procurements may be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Region 3 encompasses the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland (except Montgomery and Prince Georges counties), and Virginia (except the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William).

Region 4 encompasses the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Region 5 encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Region 9 encompasses the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

The National Capital Region encompasses the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland, and the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William in Virginia.

#### *Non-nuclear ship repair:*

GSA does not procure non-nuclear ship repairs.

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Ida M. Ustad,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Administration for Children and Families**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Job Opportunity Basic Skills (JOBS) Participation Rate Quarterly Report.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0112.

*Description:* Jobs participants data collection form ACF-108. States are required to report participants' characteristics on a monthly basis. The information received from this collection will provide the data base to analyze and evaluate the JOBS program relevant to the degree in which States

are assisting participants to achieve self-sufficiency and reduce welfare dependency, and provide ACF with

sufficient information to adequately respond to inquiries from Congress and other interested parties.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal governments.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-108 .....	54	21	2	1,296

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,296.

**Additional Information:** Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.

**OMB Comment:** OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20503, Attn: Ms. Wendy Taylor.

Dated: May 29, 1996.

Larry Guerrero,

Director, Office of Information Services.

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#### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 94C-0312]

#### ProMedica International; Withdrawal of Color Additive Petition

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to future filing, of a color additive petition (CAP 4C0244) proposing that the color additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of

[phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper as a color additive in nonabsorbable polyvinylidene fluoride sutures intended for use in general and ophthalmic surgery.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mitchell A. Cheeseman, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-217), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3083.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the Federal Register of September 26, 1994 (59 FR 49074), FDA announced that a color additive petition (CAP 4C0244) had been filed by ProMedica International, 620 Newport Center Dr., suite 575, Newport Beach, CA 92660. The petition proposed to amend the color additive regulations in § 74.3045 [Phthalocyaninato (2-)] copper (21 CFR 74.3045) to provide for the safe use of [phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper as a color additive in nonabsorbable polyvinylidene fluoride sutures intended for use in general and ophthalmic surgery. ProMedica International has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 71.6(c)(2)).

Dated: May 16, 1996.

Alan M. Rulis,

Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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#### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

**Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Impact of Community Health Centers—New—**A mail survey will be conducted of fifty community health centers (CHCs) to collect information on characteristics of health centers (e.g., patients, services, staffing, financing and participation in managed care) during 1992. The survey is one component of an evaluation of community health centers that examines utilization and expenditures among Medicaid CHC users and non-users, using a sample of 50 health centers in 10 states. The survey will collect data that supplement information already available from health center annual reports, reviews and grant applications. Together with the secondary data, the survey results provide the basis for characterizing attributes of the CHC delivery system and examining whether features of the CHC delivery model assist in explaining observed differentials in use and expenditures among CHC users. The survey will be mailed to CHC Executive Directors, who are expected to delegate portions of the questionnaire to staff for completion. Burden estimates are as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden hours
Community Health Centers .....	50	1	7	350