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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Water Rights Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service announces meetings of the Water Rights Task Force established on August 20, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, as amended. The chairman has scheduled the eighth meeting of the Task Force in Washington, D.C., on April 21–22, 1997, and the ninth meeting on May 19, 1997, in Boise, Idaho.

DATES: The meeting in Washington, D.C., will be held April 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meeting in Boise will be held May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The eighth meeting will be held in Room G–11 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, First Street and Constitution Avenue, on April 21, and in the Training Room of the Auditors Building, 201 14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., on April 22. The ninth meeting will be held in the White Pine Conference Room of the Red Lion Downtowner Hotel, 1800 Fairview Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

Send written comments to Eleanor Towns, FACA Liaison, Water Rights Task Force, c/o USDA Forest Service, MAIL STOP 1124, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090–6090. Telephone: (202) 205–1248; Fax: (202) 205–1604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Glasser, Watershed & Air Management Staff, Telephone: (202) 205–1172; Fax: 205–1096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water Rights Task Force is composed of seven members appointed by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture to study and

make recommendations on issues pertaining to water rights. All meetings are open to the public. However, time for the public to address the Task Force will be provided at the Washington meeting on April 21, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room G–11 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, and at the Boise meeting on May 19, 1997, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Discussion is limited only to Task Force members and Forest Service personnel. Persons who wish to bring water rights matters to the attention of the Task Force may file written statements with the Forest Service liaison at the address listed earlier in the notice either before or after each meeting.

Notice of the establishment of the Water Rights Task Force was published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 1996, (61 FR 47858). The Task Force terminates either in August of 1997, or upon submission of a final report.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

Barbara C. Weber,

Acting Chief.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Addition

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

ACTION: Proposed addition to Procurement List.

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

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 5, 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 action.

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodity 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 commodity to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity 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 commodity 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 commodity has been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Corrugated Plastic MM Trays

P.S. 3925

(U.S. Postal Service requirements for East Hartford, CT; Somerville, NJ; Soysset, NY and Baltimore, MD)

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

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 5, 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 commodity and 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 commodity and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and 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 commodity and 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 commodity and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

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NPA: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Services

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Parkersburg, West Virginia

NPA: SW Resources, Inc., Parkersburg, West Virginia

Janitorial/Custodial, VA Outpatient Clinic, Pensacola, Florida

NPA: Lakeview Center, Inc., Pensacola, Florida

Janitorial/Custodial, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Building 001, Beltsville, Maryland

NPA: Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Janitorial/Custodial, Veterans Center, Roanoke, Virginia

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Tinker Mountain, Inc., Salem, Virginia

Medical Transcription, Veterans Affairs

Medical Center, Alexandria, Louisiana

NPA: The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, Texas

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 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 6, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 F.R. 64666) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. Comments were received from a foam fabricator which made the helmet liner when it was procured for developmental purposes. The commenter alleged that it would be severely impacted by the Committee's action, taking into account other items the Committee has added to the Procurement List which the commenter considered lost business opportunities.

The commenter also noted that it purchased a special machine to print the helmet liners, made expenditures for tooling, and entered into a long-term agreement for raw materials which required helmet liner production to keep prices low.

The Government's estimated quantity of helmet liners to be procured has been reduced to less than 5% of the initial quantity expected to be procured by the Government when the item was under development. Given the substantial decrease in the quantity being procured, the loss of sales by the contractor is not in the range the Committee considers severe, even when the impact of the one other Procurement List addition where the commenter was the current contractor is taken into account. That addition involved fuel tank inserts for military aircraft. The Committee does not agree with the commenter's contention that it was the contractor for a foam item for the U.S. Mint because it did not receive the award for that item.

Under the Government's competitive bidding system, no contractor is guaranteed a contract. Consequently, a firm assumes the risk of loss for new equipment purchases or commitments for raw materials in anticipation of receiving a new contract when the contract is awarded to another firm. Because this could occur regardless of the Committee decision to add the item involved to the Procurement List, the Committee does not consider losses that may be experienced related to equipment, tooling, and raw materials to constitute severe adverse impact on a particular contractor.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity listed below is 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 commodity to the Government.

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