

cooperative associations and for the purpose of assisting cooperative associations in developing methods of business and market analysis.

(4) acquire from all available sources, information concerning crop prospects, supply, demand, current receipts, exports, imports, and prices of agricultural products handled or marketed by cooperative associations, and to employ qualified commodity marketing specialists to summarize and analyze this information and disseminate the same among cooperative associations and others."

RBS also has a stated objective to "assist U.S. farmer cooperatives to expand their participation in international trade of agricultural products and supplies and to review their progress." As trade agreements are implemented and domestic farm supports are reduced, a global presence is increasingly important to producers, their communities, and to job-creation and retention in agri- and food-related industries. Measurement and monitoring of cooperatives' global presence are stated objectives of RBS's International Trade Program. In order to carry out the agency's mission and objectives, RBS needs to collect information from the cooperative community. This information collection is designed to provide time-series data that will provide a better understanding of the opportunities and limitations of producer-owned cooperatives in global markets. The data provide the basis for research on trade-related issues affecting cooperatives, and background for trade-related policy analysis.

Beginning in 1980, RBS's predecessor agency Agricultural Cooperative Service (ACS) collected cooperative trade data at five year intervals. Value of cooperative exports by commodity and destination were measured, as well as information related to method of sale. Values of imports by cooperatives, by commodity and country of origin were collected in 1986 and 1991. Since 1997, data have been collected on an annual basis (OMB No. 0570-0020), as it had become apparent that data collected at intervals longer than one year do not provide for meaningful analysis. Further, data collected prior to 1997 had been strictly limited to exports and imports, neglecting other important international arrangements such as strategic alliances and foreign direct investment. A more comprehensive, annual data set accomplishes stated CS objectives to measure and monitor cooperatives' global presence. These data are generally not available to RBS unless provided by the cooperatives.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one (1) hour per response.

*Respondents:* Cooperatives involved in international activities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 127.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* one per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 127 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jean Mosley, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0041.

#### Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Jean Mosley, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0742, Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of a public record.

Dated: August 24, 2001.

**John Rosso,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), has released for public review and comment

a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Southern Intertie Project. The project being proposed by the Intertie Participants Group (IPG) is the construction of a 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage, Alaska. The RUS is the lead Federal agency in the environmental review process. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are serving as cooperating agencies.

Three public hearings have been scheduled during the review and comment period on the DEIS. The dates and locations of these hearings are described below.

**DATES:** The public hearing dates are:

1. October 30, 2001, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Washington, DC
2. November 13, 2001, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Anchorage, Alaska
3. November 14, 2001, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Soldotna, Alaska

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing locations are:

1. Washington, DC—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 200 A/B, Arlington, VA
2. Anchorage, AK—Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Wilda Marston Theater, Anchorage, AK
3. Soldotna, AK—Kenai Peninsula Borough Administration Building, 144 North Binkley Street, Kenai Peninsula Borough Chambers, Soldotna, AK

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA Rural Utilities Service, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-1784. The E-mail address is: lwolfe@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IPG has proposed a new 138 kV transmission line in order to improve the overall Railbelt electrical system reliability and energy transfer capabilities between the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage. The IPG proposed alternative, the Enstar Route, would connect the Soldotna Substation on the Kenai Peninsula with the International Substation in Anchorage. This alternative would parallel the Enstar Pipeline through the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR). A second alternative, the Tesoro Route, would connect the Bernice Lake Substation on the Kenai Peninsula with the Pt. Woronzof Substation in Anchorage. This alternative would parallel the Tesoro Pipeline from the

Captain Cook State Recreational Area to Pt. Possession. The DEIS analyzes the potential impacts of constructing and operating a 138 kV transmission line along both the Enstar and Tesoro Routes. The DEIS evaluates a number of routing alternatives and related system improvements between the proposed substation connections, as well as alternative technologies and the no-action alternative.

The RUS, USACE, and USFWS will issue final decisions regarding the IPG proposal at the conclusion of the environmental review process.

Regardless of which routing alternatives are selected, certain construction activities will require a Department of the Army permit. A copy of the Public Notice of Application for Permit is included in the DEIS. Comments on the permit application may be submitted to the USACE directly or may be included with other comments on the DEIS.

The USFWS must decide whether to issue a right-of-way permit to the IPG to construct and operate the proposed facilities on lands within the KNWR. The decision will be made in accordance with the requirements of Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (Pub. L. 96-487) for access by transportation and utility systems across conservation system units in Alaska. Title XI of ANILCA stipulates that public hearings be held in Washington, DC and Alaska during the DEIS review period.

The USFWS must also prepare a compatibility determination in accordance with the requirements of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd), as amended, for any proposed facilities on lands within the KNWR. The compatibility determination will be prepared by the USFWS following the public review and comment period on the DEIS. Public comments received during the review will be used in the compatibility determination process.

Copies of the DEIS are available for public review at the following public libraries in Anchorage: Z.J. Loussac Public Library; Chugiak-Eagle Public Library; Gerrish (Girdwood) Branch Library; Mountain View Branch Library; Muldoon Branch Library; and the Samson-Diamond Public Library. Copies will also be available for review at the following libraries on the Kenai Peninsula: Hope Community Library; Cooper Landing Community Library; Soldotna Public Library; and Kenai Community Library. In Washington, D.C., copies are available for review at RUS offices. A copy of the DEIS is also available for review online at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

Public comments concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the DEIS will be accepted during a 60 day comment period ending December 5, 2001. Comments should be sent to Lawrence R. Wolfe at the address provided above.

Dated: September 26, 2001.

**Alfred Rodgers,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service.*

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

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** November 2, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl D. Kennerly (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 addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each commodity 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 is proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

### **Commodity**

Cap, Utility, USMC 8405-01-485-4299

8405-01-485-4304

8405-01-485-4305

8405-01-485-4307

8405-01-485-4308

8405-01-485-4309

8405-01-485-4313

8405-01-485-4314

8405-01-485-4315

8405-01-485-4316

8405-01-485-4317

8405-01-485-4318

8405-00-NSH-1001

8405-00-NSH-1002

8405-00-NSH-1003

8405-00-NSH-1004

8405-00-NSH-1005

8405-00-NSH-1006

8405-00-NSH-1007

8405-00-NSH-1008

8405-00-NSH-1009

8405-00-NSH-1010

8405-00-NSH-1011

8405-00-NSH-1012

NPA: Southeastern Kentucky

Rehabilitation Industries, Inc. Corbin, Kentucky

Government Agency: U.S. Marine Corps

**Sheryl D. Kennerly,**

*Director, Information Management.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

**[A-834-806]**

### **Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Kazakhstan**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of final determination in the less than fair value investigation of