

who are blind or severely disabled. A number of these comments also stated that this requirement does nothing to increase jobs for people with disabilities. This recordkeeping requirement is to ensure that those nonprofit agencies participating in the AbilityOne Program employ people who meet the Act's definitions. This requirement does not involve any reporting requirements by nonprofits, only that the nonprofits keep records that can be used to document their compliance with the requirements of the Act. The requirement to keep records on the direct labor hours of AbilityOne projects is to ensure that the projects are suitable to remain on the Committee's Procurement List. Without this recordkeeping requirement, the Committee would have no way of verifying that those nonprofits that participate in the AbilityOne Program were meeting the requirements of the JWOD Act.

Thirty-eight of the comments referred to the accuracy of the Committee's burden estimate. The comments included estimates of the actual burden for the recordkeeping requirement that ranged from 25 minutes per person who is blind or severely disabled to 35.6 hours per person who is blind or severely disabled.

The Committee has used a burden estimate of 5 hours per agency since 2002 and before that, 3 hours per agency since at least 1992, and has not received any prior comments as to its accuracy. However, after review, the Committee agrees that 5 hours per agency is incorrect and that the burden is much higher. The range of burden estimates is a result of the many differences between individual nonprofit agencies and a misunderstanding of the recordkeeping requirement being considered. Many of the burden estimates identified in the comments included tasks that are required to meet other requirements, such as those of the Department of Labor, or would be performed by the nonprofit agency even if they were not in the AbilityOne Program.

Based on an analysis of the information contained in the comments and discussions with several other nonprofit agencies during the comment period, the Committee believes that a reasonable burden estimate is 2.5 hours per person that is blind or severely disabled. Currently, there are over 600 nonprofit agencies participating in the AbilityOne Program with employee numbers ranging from less than 10 to more than 2,000. The average number of people who are blind or severely disabled at participating nonprofit agencies was 218 in fiscal year 2007;

therefore, the current recordkeeping burden will be estimated at 550 hours annually per nonprofit agency. The Committee recognizes that the burden will be higher for some nonprofit agencies based on their size, types of disabilities served, and whether or not they provide rehabilitation functions. However, based on the information submitted, the Committee believes that, on average, 550 hours per nonprofit agency is a reasonable burden estimate of those tasks imposed directly by this recordkeeping requirement.

Sixteen comments were received with suggestions on minimizing the burden. These included making changes to the JWOD Act, adhering to the Act as promulgated and intended by Congress, abolishing the Committee, deleting requirements from the Committee regulations, not requiring annual evaluations on some disabilities, and that the Committee include the cost of meeting the recordkeeping requirements in the price of products and services on the Procurement List. The Committee has reviewed its regulations and believes that its current regulations are in keeping with its administration of the JWOD Act, and those recommendations that would require a change to the Act itself are, therefore, beyond the scope of the Committee's information collection authority. One commenter questioned the necessity for requiring annual evaluations of all people with severe disabilities. This issue had previously been addressed by the Committee and determined that the requirement exists.

Five comments were received that do not fit within the four areas about which the Committee requested comments. One commenter requested that the Committee's request be denied; one discussed the difficulties involved with meeting the requirements of different Federal and State requirements; one requested that the Committee seriously consider the comments from all nonprofit agencies; one commented that this request was perpetuating the inefficiencies which hamper the AbilityOne Program; and one comment was that the Committee had made substantive and material modifications to collection requirements after approval by OMB. The Committee believes that this recordkeeping requirement is critical for the Committee to determine if nonprofit agencies are in compliance with the JWOD Act. There has been no substantive or material modification to collection requirements since 2002, and those made in 2002 were approved by OMB in 2002 and renewed in 2005. The Committee's responsibility to administer the Act requires that certain

information be available to them to ensure that the purposes of the Act are met. Reasonable requirements by participating nonprofit agencies will permit the Committee to gather data required to report the results to the President and to Congress.

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## **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

### **Procurement List; Additions and Deletions**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 20, 2008.

**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.

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### *Additions:*

On January 18 and January 25, 2008, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (73 FR 3450; 4519) 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 services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c 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 services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services 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 products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

#### End of Certification

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

#### Products:

#### Paper, Copying, Xerographic—Convenience Pack

NSN: 7530–00–NIB–0814—Reamless

NSN: 7530–00–NIB–0826—Ream Wrapped

NPA: Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment, Inc., Binghamton, NY

Coverage: A—List for the total Government requirement as specified by the General Services Administration

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Ctr, New York, NY

#### SKILCRAFT Wide Angle Broom

NSN: M.R. 1041

NPA: L.C. Industries For The Blind, Inc., Durham, NC

Coverage: C—List for the requirements of the Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, VA

Contracting Activity: Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Fort Lee, VA

#### Services:

Service Type/Location: Base Supply Center, Fort Irwin, CA

NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (Seattle Lighthouse), Seattle, WA

Contracting Activity: Department of the Army, National Training Center Acquisition Command, Fort Irwin, CA

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Border Patrol Station, Customs and Border Protection

(CBP), 135 Trippany Road, Massena, NY

NPA: St. Lawrence County Chapter, NYSARC, Canton, NY

Contracting Activity: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC

Service Type/Location: Food Service Attendant, Naval Station Mayport (Basewide), Mayport, FL

NPA: Goodwill Industries of North Florida (GINFL) Services, Inc., Jacksonville, FL

Contracting Activity: Fleet and Industrial Supply Center—Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

Service Type/Location: Grounds Maintenance, Fort Jackson, Fort Jackson, SC

NPA: Employment Source, Inc., Fayetteville, NC

Contracting Activity: Army Contracting Agency, Fort Jackson, SC

Service Type/Location: Grounds Maintenance, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Camp Geiger and Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, NC

NPA: Coastal Enterprises of Jacksonville, Inc., Jacksonville, NC

Contracting Activity: Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Mid-Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, NC

Service Type/Location: Mail Support Services, Bureau of Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV

NPA: ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, VA

Contracting Activity: Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt, Parkersburg, WV

Service Type/Location: Mailroom Operations, Internal Revenue Service, 300 E 8th Street & 9430 Research Blvd, Austin, TX

NPA: Austin Task, Inc., Austin, TX

NPA: ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, VA (PRIME CONTRACTOR)

Contracting Activity: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Headquarters, Oxon Hill, MD

#### Deletions:

On January 25, 2008, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (73 FR 4519) of proposed deletions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the products and service listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46–48c 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 should not 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 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. 46–48c) in connection with the products and service deleted from the Procurement List.

#### End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products and service are deleted from the Procurement List:

#### Products:

#### Aloud Digital Audio Labeling System

NSN: 6515–00–NIB–0226

NPA: Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Utica, NY

Contracting Activity: Veterans Affairs National Acquisition Center, Hines, IL

#### PRC Deck Recoating System

NSN: 8010–00–NIB–0012

NPA: Alphapointe Association for the Blind, Kansas City, MO

Contracting Activity: Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Bremerton, WA

#### Service:

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Social Security Administration Building, 2700 N. Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, IL

NPA: Community Workshop and Training Center, Inc., Peoria, IL  
Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Region 5, Springfield, IL

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#### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Proposed Addition and Deletions

**ACTION:** Proposed addition to and deletions from the Procurement List.