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Speakers selected to provide testimony at the hearing should provide a final written copy of their testimony for inclusion in the record of the proceedings no later than February 28, 2013. In addition, any member of the public may submit written comments on issues raised at the public hearing or on any issue pertaining to harmonization. However, users are strongly encouraged to fill out the questionnaire before the roundtable event in lieu of providing separate written comments. The questionnaire will also close on February 28, 2013.

The USPTO plans to make the public roundtable available via Webcast. Webcast information will be available on the USPTO's Internet Web site (address: http://www.uspto.gov/ip/global/aia_harmonization.jsp) before the public hearing.

Written Comments: Written comments should be sent by email to IP.Policy@uspto.gov. Comments may also be submitted by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop OPEA, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, ATTN: Bijou Mgbojikwe. Written comments should be identified in the subject line of the email or postal mailing as "Harmonization Issues." Although comments may be submitted by postal mail, the USPTO prefers to receive comments via email. It is also strongly preferred that interested members of the public undertake the questionnaire in lieu of submitting written comments. The questionnaire will be available on the USPTO's Web site (address: http://www.uspto.gov/ip/global/patents/tegersee_survey/index.jsp). However, for those wishing to submit supplemental written comments, the deadline for receipt of those written comments for consideration by the USPTO is February 28, 2013.

Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments. It should be noted that the tenor of the questions posed in the questionnaire should not be perceived as an indication that the USPTO has taken a position on or is predisposed to any particular views.

Availability of Hearing Transcript and Written Comments: A transcript of the events at the hearing and the written comments will be available for public inspection at the USPTO's Office of Policy and External Affairs in the Executive Library located in the Madison West Building, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Contact: Bijou Mgbojikwe at Bijou.Mgbojikwe@uspto.gov or 571-272-9300. In addition, the hearing transcript and the comments from the public will also be available via the USPTO Internet Web site (address: <http://www.uspto.gov>). Contact: Bijou Mgbojikwe at Bijou.Mgbojikwe@uspto.gov or 571-272-9300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bijou Mgbojikwe, Office of Policy and External Affairs, by phone 571-272-9300, by email at Bijou.Mgbojikwe@uspto.gov or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop OPEA, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, ATTN: Bijou Mgbojikwe.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At a meeting convened in Tegernsee, Germany, in July 2011, leaders and representatives from the patent offices of Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States as well as from the European Patent Office (the "Tegernsee Group") launched a new dialogue on the state of affairs concerning international harmonization of substantive patent law. Since that initial meeting, the Tegernsee Group has met twice to consider work done by patent experts from each office analyzing comparative aspects of each jurisdiction's patent law and practice. In addition, the Group mandated detailed studies on four issues of particular interest for international harmonization: the grace period, publication of applications, treatment of conflicting applications, and prior user rights.

Most recently, on October 4, 2012, Heads of Offices and experts from each of the patent offices in the Tegernsee Group met in Geneva, Switzerland, to review the results of the Group-mandated studies on these four issues. In reviewing these studies and contemplating the future of international harmonization, it was agreed that the next step in the process would be to solicit stakeholder views. To this end, experts from the Tegernsee Group offices were tasked to collaboratively develop a joint harmonization questionnaire to aid in the acquisition and analysis of stakeholder views across jurisdictions

on the particular issues of: grace period, publication of applications, treatment of conflicting applications, and prior user rights. As such, each patent office in the Tegernsee Group will be separately administering the joint questionnaire to its respective stakeholders.

Accordingly, interested members of the public are encouraged to respond to the jointly-developed questionnaire being administered by the USPTO which is located at address: http://www.uspto.gov/ip/global/patents/tegersee_survey/index.jsp. Further information and details concerning each of the above-identified topics may be found within the questionnaire.

Dated: January 24, 2013.

Teresa Stanek Rea,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by the nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Comments Must Be Received On or Before:* 3/4/2013.

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 OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Patricia Briscoe, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the

products listed below from the nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following products are proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agency listed:

Products

NSN: MR 1153—Basket, Cooking, Steel, Multipurpose.

NSN: MR 1159—Set, Bakeware, Cake Pop. NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., West Allis, WI.

Contracting Activity: Military Resale-Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Fort Lee, VA.

Coverage: C-List for the requirements of military commissaries and exchanges as aggregated by the Defense Commissary Agency.

Patricia Briscoe,

Deputy Director, Business Operations, (Pricing and Information Management).

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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 products and services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Effective Date: 3/4/2013.

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 11/20/2012 (77 FR 69598) and 12/7/2012 (77 FR 73025-73026), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices 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. 8501-8506 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. 8501-8506) 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

NSN: 7510-00-NIB-0889—Protector, Document, 7-hole, Medium Weight, Clear, 8-1/2"×11".

NSN: 7510-00-NIB-1882—Folders, Project, 8-1/2"×11", Clear.

NPA: L.C. Industries or the Blind, Inc., Durham, NC.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

COVERAGE: A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NSN: 7220-00-NIB-0440—Floor Mat, Anti-Fatigue, Ribbed Vinyl, 2' × 3', Black.

NSN: 7220-00-NIB-0441—Floor Mat, Anti-Fatigue, Ribbed Vinyl, 3' × 5', Black.

NPA: Wiscraft, Inc., Milwaukee, WI.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Fort Worth, TX.

COVERAGE: A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

Group 1 and 2 Spices

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8236—Black cracked pepper in a 16 ounce metal can.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8237—Black cracked pepper in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8234—Black cracked pepper in a 18 ounce metal can.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8235—Black cracked pepper in a 18 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-7765—Black ground

pepper in a 1.5 ounce plastic container. NSN: 8950-01-E60-7766—Gourmet black ground pepper in a 16 ounce metal container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-7767—Gourmet black ground pepper in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-7769—Gourmet black ground pepper in a 18 ounce metal container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-7768—Gourmet black ground pepper in a 18 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-7770—Black ground pepper in a 5 pound plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8238—Black whole pepper in a 16 ounce metal can.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8239—Black whole pepper in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-8241—Black whole pepper in a 18 ounce metal can.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-5749—Paprika seasoning in a 16 ounce container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-5754—Garlic, granulated in a 12 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-5753—Garlic, granulated in a 25 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-5751—Garlic powder in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-5752—Garlic, powder in a 6 pound plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0103—Canadian style steak seasoning, 29 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0104—Ginger ground in a 14 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0105—Ginger ground in a 15 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9152—Ground ginger in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9155—Cayenne pepper in a 14 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0106—Cayenne pepper in a 1.5 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0107—Cayenne pepper in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0108—Ground red pepper in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0099—Taco seasoning in a 9 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0100—Taco seasoning in a 11 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0101—Taco seasoning in a 23 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E61-0102—Taco seasoning in a 24 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9456—All purpose seasoning without salt in a 2.5 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9457—All purpose seasoning without salt in a 6.75 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9458—All purpose seasoning without salt in a 10 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9459—All purpose seasoning without salt in a 20 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9460—All purpose seasoning without salt in a 28 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9461—Dark chili powder in a 16 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9464—Dark chili powder in a 20 ounce plastic container.

NSN: 8950-01-E60-9465—Light chili