

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Joan M. Comanor,

Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Arkansas**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Arkansas for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Arkansas to issue a new conservation practice standard Prescribed Grazing (Code 528A); and revised conservation practice standards Fish Stream Improvement (Code 395) and Forest Site Preparation (Code 490) and Fence (Code 382) and Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Code 580) in section IV of the FOTG.

DATES: Comments will be received until August 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Room 5404 Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3225. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request. Phone 501-324-5445.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS in Arkansas will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS in Arkansas regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Jerry L. Mitchell,

Acting State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Natural Resources Conservation Service****National Commission on Small Farms**

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish a Federal Advisory Committee with a request for comments. Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to establish the National Commission on Small Farms (Commission). The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information regarding small farms and ranches and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture a national policy and strategy to ensure their continued viability. This notice seeks comments on concerns and issues that the Commission should address. The Commission members will be appointed at a later time. The first public meeting of the Commission is July 28, 1997.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 11, 1997. These comments will be summarized and presented to the Commission prior to their next meeting.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: The Commission will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 28 at the Agricenter International, Banquet Room, C Wing, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN 38120. The first part of the meeting will be devoted to getting the Commission organized and the remainder of the meeting will be dedicated to listening to oral statements that will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Interested parties wishing to provide oral or written statements should contact Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Comments and statements should be sent to National Commission on Small Farms, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Room 5239, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Yezak Molen, Director, National Commission on Small Farms, at the address above or at (202) 690-0648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to establish the National Commission on Small Farms, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to gather and evaluate background information, studies, and data pertinent to small farms and ranches, including limited-resource farmers. On the basis of the review, the Commission shall analyze all relevant issues and make findings, develop strategies, and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture toward a national strategy on small farms. The national strategy shall include, but not be limited to: changes in existing policies, programs, regulations, training, and program delivery and outreach systems; approaches that assist beginning farmers and involve the private sectors and government, including assurances that the needs of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are addressed; areas where new partnerships and collaborations are needed; and other approaches that it would deem advisable or which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service may request the Commission to consider.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the work of the Commission is in the public interest and within the duties and responsibilities of USDA. Establishment of the Commission also implements a recommendation of the USDA Civil Rights Action Report to appoint a diverse commission to develop a national policy on small farms.

The Commission will be headed by a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. In the absence of the Chairperson, one of the Vice-Chairpersons, as designated by the Chairperson, will act in his/her stead. Administrative Staff support essential to the execution of the Commission's responsibilities shall be provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Commission members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Commission may have as many as thirty (30) members representing a mix of perspectives, experience, and ethnic and geographic diversity. Members will represent small farms and ranches, finance, commerce, rural communities, nonprofit organizations, academia, state and local governments, Native Americans, farmworkers, and other interests as the Secretary determines.

Equal opportunity practices, consistent with USDA policies, will be

followed in appointments to the Commission. To ensure that a national strategy for small farms takes into account the needs of diverse groups served by USDA programs, membership shall include to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 11, 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 May 16 and 23, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 F.R. 27011 and 28443) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities 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.

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 commodities and services to the Government.

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

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

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

Commodities

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies (Requirements for Fort Dix, New Jersey)

Services

Grounds Maintenance, Wheeler Army Airfield (improved grounds and landscaped areas), Oahu, Hawaii
Grounds Maintenance, Anthony F. Eafrazi USARC, Weirton, West Virginia

Linen Management Service, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (premium grade linen) Norfolk, Virginia.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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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 Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: August 11, 1997.

ADDRESS: 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 commodities 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 commodities and services to the Government.

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

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

Commodities

Bag, Vacuum Cleaner, Disposable
M.R. 1000 thru 1008
NPA: New York City Industries for the Blind, Long Island City, New York
Folder, File
7530-00-990-8884
(Requirements for GSA Fort Worth, Texas depot only)
NPA: Georgia Industries for the Blind
Bainbridge, Georgia