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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Proposed Collections and Comment Request for Surveys in the Benefit/ Cost Analysis of the Javits-Wagner- O'Day Program

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public
comment on proposed collections of
information.

SUMMARY: The Committee for Purchase
from People Who Are Blind or Severely
Disabled (the Committee) is inviting
public comment on proposed collection
of information requests to be submitted
for approval by Office of Management
and Budget (OMB) as required by the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Committee is
seeking public comment on three
surveys being developed for the
comprehensive Benefit/Cost Analysis of
the JWOD Program. One request is for
renewal with revisions of a survey for
follow-up interviews with individuals
who are blind or have other severe
disabilities employed on contracts
authorized under the Javits-Wagner-
O'Day (JWOD) Act. The other request is
for approval of two related surveys of
state and local private nonprofit
agencies that participate in the JWOD
Program or are affiliated with National
Industries for the Blind (NIB) or NISH.
DATES: Submit comments on or before
October 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and
requests for copies of the proposed
information collection instruments
should be submitted to Sheryl Kennerly,
Committee for Purchase from People
Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled,
1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite
403, Arlington, VA 22202. Comments
and requests may be submitted by
electronic mail at: skennerl@jwod.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sheryl Kennerly, Committee for
Purchase from People Who Are Blind or
Severely Disabled, 1735 Jefferson Davis
Highway, Suite 403, Arlington, VA
22202, phone: 703-603-7740, fax: 703-
412-7113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The JWOD
Act prescribes that: "The Committee
shall make a continuing study and
evaluation of its activities under this
Act for the purpose of assuring effective
and efficient administration of this Act.
The Committee may study (on its own
or in cooperation with other public or
nonprofit private agencies) (1) problems
related to the employment of the blind
and of other severely handicapped
individuals * * * (41 U.S.C. 47(e)).

As part of the effort to evaluate its
activities and study the employment of
individuals who are blind or severely
disabled, the Committee has initiated a
comprehensive analysis of benefits and
costs of the JWOD Program. The survey
instruments included in the requests for
OMB approval are required to collect
data for determining the benefits and
costs of the JWOD Program to
individuals who are blind or have other
severe disabilities, to the nonprofit
agencies that employ these individuals,
and to society in general, particularly
taxpayers.

The Committee specifically seeks
public comment on these instruments
to: (1) evaluate whether the proposed
collections of information are necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the Committee; (2) evaluate
the accuracy of the estimate of burden
for the proposed collections of
information; (3) enhance the quality,
utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and, (4) minimize the
burden of the collections of information
on those who are to respond. Comments
should reference the title of the survey
to which they apply.

Title: JWOD Employee Follow-Up
Survey.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with
revisions.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: Individuals who are
blind or severely disabled and who
participated in the baseline surveys for
this study.

Burden Estimate:

Responses: 611

Total Burden Hours: 391 hours

Average Burden per respondent: 38
minutes

Abstract: The burden estimate above
is based on actual use of the previously
approved survey in baseline interviews
with the same individuals who will
participate in interviews using the
revised follow-up survey. This estimate
includes the average length of
interviews in the baseline stage. Actual
interview times vary between
individuals depending on the type of
disability. Individuals who responded
to the baseline interviews have been

informed of the intent and purpose of
this survey and agreed to participate.
The follow-up survey is being revised
based on comments and issues
identified during the baseline
interviews.

Title: Survey of JWOD Participating
Agencies.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State and local
nonprofit agencies (NPAs) that have
been authorized to participate in the
JWOD Program.

Burden Estimate:

Responses: 624

Burden Hours: 624 Hours.

The Committee is particularly
interested in comments from the
affected public on the accuracy of
burden hours estimate and the fully-
loaded labor costs per hour for
personnel who would be responding to
this survey.

Abstract: JWOD goods and services
are provided through State and local
nonprofit agencies (NPAs) that employ
individuals who are blind or have other
severe disabilities. In addition to the
benefits that accrue to individuals
employed on JWOD contracts, the study
methodology identifies potential
impacts on the NPAs that are measured
by this survey: (1) increased or reduced
non-JWOD sales; (2) induced or
suppressed charitable donations; and,
(3) shortfall or excess of JWOD product
or service provision costs. Data will be
requested for the year before the NPA
began participating in the program and
for the following five years for a before/
after analysis.

Title: Survey of Other Agencies
Associated With National Industries for
the Blind (NIB) or NISH.

Type of Review: New collection.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State and local
nonprofit agencies (NPA) that are
associated with NIB or NISH, for the
purpose of participating in the JWOD
Program, but have not yet received
authorization to provide a product or
service under the JWOD Program.

Burden Estimate:

Responses: 300

Burden Hours: 300 Hours.

The Committee is particularly
interested in comments from the
affected public on the accuracy of
burden hours estimate and the fully-
loaded labor costs per hour for
personnel responding to this survey.

Abstract: NPAs that are interested in
participating in the JWOD Program must
be associated with one of the central
nonprofit agencies, NIB or NISH,
designated by the Committee to

facilitate their participation in the program. NIB and NISH, predominantly NISH, have about 1,000 associated NPAs that are interested in participating in the JWOD Program but have not yet received authorization to provide a particular JWOD product or service. A sample of these organizations will receive a survey very similar to the one being used for JWOD-participating NPAs with some differences in questions. Data will be used as a comparison to augment analysis of impacts on JWOD-participating NPAs.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

G. John Heyer,

General Counsel.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 8, 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 June 12 and 20, 1997, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (62 FR 32288 and 33585) of proposed deletion from and proposed additions to the Procurement List.

Additions

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

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

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

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

Janitorial/Custodial

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington

Mailroom Operation

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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.

Deletion

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.

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

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity 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 proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodity has been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Tape, Pressure-Sensitive
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General Counsel.

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

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: September 8, 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 commodities and service 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 service to the Government.

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

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