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**Donald W. Gohmert,**  
State Conservationist.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Whitewater River Watershed, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties, MN

**AGENCY:** USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Whitewater River Watershed, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties, Minnesota.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Hunt, State Conservationist, NRCS, 375 Jackson Street Suite 600, St. Paul, MN 55101.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, William Hunt, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are watershed protection and water quality. The planned works of improvement include conservation land treatment measures, accelerated technical assistance and project administration for land treatment.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting William Stokes Jr. at (612) 602-7886.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

Dated: December 2, 1997.

**William Hunt,**  
State Conservationist.

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

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Nonprofit Agency 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:** Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (the Committee) is inviting public comment on surveys submitted for review by the 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 surveys being conducted as part of a comprehensive Benefit/Cost Analysis of the JWOD Program. This request is for two new collections of information with a survey of nonprofit agencies (NPAs) participating in the JWOD Program and a survey of nonprofit agencies affiliated with National Industries for the Blind (NIB) or NISH that are not participating in the JWOD Program. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 8, 1997 (62 FR 42743).

**DATES:** Submit comments to OMB on or before January 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Daniel Werfel, Desk Officer for the Committee for Purchase, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the OMB submission and the proposed information collections

should be submitted to Sheryl Kennerly, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 310, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheryl Kennerly, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 310, Arlington, VA 22202-4302, telephone: 703-603-7747, fax: 703-603-0655, email: skennerl@jwod.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The enabling regulations for the JWOD Act prescribe that the Committee: "Conduct a continuing study and evaluation of its activities under the JWOD Act for the purpose of assuring the effective and efficient administration of the JWOD Act. The Committee may study, independently, or in cooperation with other public or nonprofit private agencies, problems relating to: (1) The employment of the blind or individuals with other severe disabilities \* \* \*." (41 CFR Ch. 51-2.2(g))

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 following survey instruments included in the submission for OMB approval are required to collect data for determining the benefits and costs of the JWOD Program on nonprofit agencies that participate in the JWOD Program, commercial contractors, and society or taxpayers in general. The data from the following surveys will be used in conjunction with external environmental data to conduct analysis of before and after JWOD participation and to make comparisons between JWOD participating and nonparticipating nonprofit agencies. Comments should reference the title of the collection of information to which they apply.

**Title:** Survey of JWOD Participating Agencies.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Frequency:** One-time.

**Affected Public:** State, local and private nonprofit agencies that were participating in the JWOD Program at the end of Fiscal Year 1996.

**Burden Estimate:**

Responses: 562.

Total Burden Hours: 1,124 hours.

Average Burden per respondent: 2 hours.

**Abstract:** The burden estimate above is based on an estimated number of responses to a survey of all 624 NPAs participating in the JWOD Program at

the end of Fiscal Year 1996. The average burden per respondent was determined from a pretest with a small number of NPAs chosen to represent a variety of respondents in terms of JWOD sales and length of time participating in the program. The mail survey will collect data to measure direct and indirect financial impacts in terms of increased or reduced non-JWOD sales, induced or suppressed charitable donations, and shortfall or excess of JWOD revenues. Other potential impacts to be measured include effects on non-JWOD production capacity, effects on workplace conditions, and effects on the agencies' abilities to fulfill their overall missions. Data is being collected for the two years prior to participation in JWOD and for the five most recent years of participation.

*Title:* Survey of Organizations Associated with NIB or NISH.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Affected Public:* A sample of State, local and private nonprofit agencies that are affiliated with NIB or with NISH that are not participating in the JWOD Program.

*Burden Estimate:*

Responses: 275.

Total Burden Hours: 275 hours.

Average Burden per respondent: 1 hour.

*Abstract:* The burden estimate above is based on an estimated number of responses to a survey of 300 NPAs affiliated with NISH and 5 NPAs affiliated with NIB that are not participating in the JWOD Program. The average burden per respondent was determined from a pretest with a small number of NPAs chosen to represent a variety of respondents in terms of size. The mail survey collects data from NPAs not participating in the JWOD Program in order to make comparisons with participating NPAs in the "after" time periods and to assess any differences due to JWOD participation, while accounting for geographic and macro-economic factors using environmental data obtained from external sources. This survey also collects financial and non-financial information comparable to the information in the above survey.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

**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:** January 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**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 the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

### Commodities

Gloves, Chemical & Oil Protective

8415-01-012-9294

8415-01-013-7382

8415-01-013-7384

8415-01-147-6362

8415-01-147-9540

NPA: Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Inc., Westmont, New Jersey.

### Services

Janitorial/Custodial

U.S. Army Reserve Center, 443 Route 119 N, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

NPA: ICW Vocational Services, Inc., Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Janitorial/Custodial

Johnstown Aviation Support Facility, Airport Road #2, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Mailroom Operation

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, Kingman Building, Telegraph and Leaf Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

NPA: Sheltered Occupational Center of Northern Virginia, Arlington, Virginia.

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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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.