

description of Management Area 16, refer to the Forest Plan.

Public Involvement: Public Involvement will be especially important at several points during the analysis, beginning with the scoping process. The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, local agencies, tribes and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in, or affected by the proposals. The scoping process includes:

1. Identifying and clarifying issues.
2. Identifying key issues to be analyzed in depth.
3. Exploring alternatives based on themes which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities.
4. Identifying potential environmental effects of the proposals and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions).
5. Determining potential cooperating agencies and task assignments.
6. Developing a list of interested people to keep apprised of opportunities to participate through meetings, personal contacts, or written comments.
7. Developing a means of informing the public through the media and/or written material (e.g., newsletters, correspondence, etc.).

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requestor of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without names and addresses within thirty (30) days.

Public comments are appreciated throughout the analysis process. The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

in October 1999 and will be available for public review at that time. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is scheduled for completion in April of 2000.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice of this early stage of public participation and of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's positions and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived or dismissed by the court if not raised until after the completion of the final EIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the comment period so substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider and respond to them in the final EIS.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal. The responsible official is Karyn L. Wood, Forest Supervisor for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 or part 251.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

Kurt R. Wiedenmann,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Addition

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

ACTION: Addition to the procurement list.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 11, 1999.

ADDRESS: 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: On October 9, 1998, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published a notice (63 FR 54436) of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

The Following Comments Pertain to Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Couthouse and Annex, Tallahassee, Florida

Comments were received from the current contractor for this janitorial service. The contractor noted that a number of its Federal janitorial projects had been lost to the Committee's Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program or the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Program over the past several years. The contractor also noted changes in its gross revenues over the past five years as evidence of the impact of these project losses.

Those projects lost by the contractor which were added to the JWOD Program, with the exception of the instant one and two others, were added between October 1989 and January 1992. In assessing the severity of impact on a contractor of the addition of a project to the JWOD Program, the Committee concentrates on the cumulative impact of its actions over the most recent three years unless there is compelling evidence of the continuing effects of prior impacts. The reason for this is that contractors which are still in existence are generally assumed to have recovered from previous impacts. This contractor's sales increased throughout the period of the earlier previous impacts. While the contractor's estimated revenues for the current fiscal year are below those of five years ago, it should be noted that

the contractor's revenues by its own figures continued to increase until last year. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that these earlier impacts, each of which represented a very small percentage of the contractor's sales, do not have a continuing impact on the contractor.

The project currently being added to the JWOD Program, along with another added this year and a project which was added in 1997, in combination represent a very small percentage of the contractor's estimated total revenues for this year. This percentage is well below the level which the Committee considers possible severe adverse impact. Considering the way the contractor's total sales have moved over the past few years, the Committee does not believe that adding in the contractor's alleged losses to the 8(a) Program would result in a finding of severe adverse impact on this contractor.

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

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

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

Accordingly, the following service is hereby added to the Procurement List:

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Courthouse and Annex, Tallahassee, Florida

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: January 11, 1999.

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 will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities 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 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

Strap, Webbing

5340-00-753-3740

5340-00-543-3271

5340-00-543-3398

5340-00-052-9481

5340-00-664-0364

5340-00-534-7110

5340-00-543-3173

5340-00-479-2949

5340-00-751-9013

5340-00-543-3557

5340-00-403-7674

5340-00-664-0365

5340-00-001-4837

5340-00-854-6737

5340-00-020-5067

5340-00-034-4835

5340-00-454-5967

5340-00-454-5969

NPA: The Charles Lea Center for Rehabilitation & Special Education, Inc. Spartanburg, South Carolina

Services

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Geological Survey, Wildlife Research Center, Patuxent, Maryland

NPA: Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Janitorial/Custodial, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida

NPA: Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. Miami, Florida

Janitorial/Custodial, Various U.S. Army Reserve Centers, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania,

NPA: United Cerebral Palsy of Schuylkill, Carbon and Northumberland Counties Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Operation of Individual Equipment Element Store, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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