

10. Local support. (1–5 points)  
Applications will be reviewed for previous and expected local support for the Center, plans for coordinating with other developmental organizations in the proposed service area, and coordination with State and local institutions. Support documentation should include recognition of rural values that balance employment opportunities with environmental stewardship and other positive rural amenities. Other than support from potential customers, support letters and documentation should be referenced and not submitted. Centers that demonstrate strong support from potential beneficiaries and formal evidence of the Center's intent to coordinate with other developmental organizations will receive more points than those not evidencing such support and formal intent.

11. Future support. (1–2 points)  
Applications that demonstrate their vision for funding center operations for future years, including diversification of funding sources and building in-house technical assistance capacity, will receive more points for this criterion.

12. Non-Agricultural Rural Cooperative Development. (0 or 5 points) Applicants that propose to use more than 50 percent of grant and matching funds to work with rural residents and businesses who are not engaged in production agriculture to develop cooperative businesses will receive 5 points. All other applicants will receive zero points. The types of cooperative development that meet this criterion include, but are not limited to, broadband cooperatives, housing cooperatives, healthcare cooperatives, shared-services cooperatives, daycare cooperatives, and any other type of cooperative that is not producing or marketing agricultural products.

B. Review and Selection Process: The Agency will conduct an initial screening of all proposals to determine whether the applicant is eligible, complete, and sufficiently responsive to the requirements set forth in this funding announcement so as to allow for an informed review. Incomplete or non-responsive applications will not be evaluated further. Reviewers appointed by the Agency will evaluate applications.

C. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates:

*Award Date:* The announcement of award selections is expected to occur on or about September 15, 2005.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices: Successful applicants will receive a notification of

tentative selection for funding from Rural Development. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the grant award will be approved. Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification by mail.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: 7 CFR parts 3015, 3019, and 4284. To view these regulations, please see the following Internet address: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>.

Grantees selected for awards under this program will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement and will be subject to the written conditions of the award. In addition, the following forms must be executed:

- Form RD 1940–1, “Request for Obligation of Funds.”
- Form RD 1942–46, “Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions.”
- Form AD–1047, “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions.”
- Form AD–1048, “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions.”
- Form AD–1049, “Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants).”
- Form RD 400–1, “Equal Opportunity Agreement.”
- Form RD 400–4, “Assurance Agreement.”
- RD Instruction 1940–Q, Exhibit A–1, “Certification for Contracts, Grants and Loans.”

Additional information on these requirements can be found on the RBS Web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm>.

Reporting Requirements: You must provide Rural Development with an original hard copy of the following reports. RBS is currently developing an online reporting system. Once the system is developed, you may be required to submit some or all of your reports online instead of in hard copy. The hard copies of your reports should be submitted to the Rural Development State Office of the state in which the Center is located. Failure to submit satisfactory reports on time may result in suspension or termination of your grant.

1. A “Financial Status Report” listing expenditures according to agreed upon budget categories, on a semi-annual basis. Reporting periods end each March 31 and September 30. Reports are due 30 days after the reporting period ends.

2. Semi-annual performance reports that compare accomplishments to the objectives stated in the proposal.

Identify all tasks completed to date and provide documentation supporting the reported results. If the original schedule provided in the work plan is not being met, the report should discuss the problems or delays that may affect completion of the project. Objectives for the next reporting period should be listed. Compliance with any special conditions on the use of award funds should be discussed. Reports are due as provided in paragraph 1. of this section. The supporting documentation for completed tasks includes, but is not limited to, feasibility studies, marketing plans, business plans, publication quality success stories, applied research reports, copies of surveys conducted, articles of incorporation and bylaws and an accounting of how outreach, training, and other funds were expended.

3. Final project performance reports, including supporting documentation, are due within 90 days of the completion of the project.

#### VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this announcement and for program technical assistance, please contact the State Office for the State in which the Applicant is based. A list is available at the following Web site: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/contacts.htm>. If you are unable to contact your State Office, please contact a nearby State Office or you may contact the RBS National Office at USDA–RBS–CS, Attn: RCDG Program, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 3250, Rm. 4016—South, Washington, DC 20250–3250, telephone: (202) 720–7558, e-mail: [cpgrants@usda.gov](mailto:cpgrants@usda.gov).

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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 procurement list.

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 12, 2005.

**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:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail [SKennerly@jwod.gov](mailto:SKennerly@jwod.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 18, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 13165) 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 impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c 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 to the Government.
2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

#### End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are added to the Procurement List:

#### Products

*Product/NSN:* Antifoam Compound, Silicon, 6850-01-506-6533.

*Product/NSN:* Detergent, Laundry, 7930-01-506-7081.

*NPA:* East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Tyler, Texas.

*Contracting Activity:* Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Product/NSN:* Marker, Dry Erase (Black, Chisel Tip), 7520-01-294-3791.

*NPA:* Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

*Contracting Activity:* GSA/Office Supplies & Paper Product Acquisition Center, New York, New York.

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.

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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 is proposing to add to the Procurement List products 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:* June 12, 2005.

**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:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail [SKennerly@jwod.gov](mailto:SKennerly@jwod.gov).

**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 proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following material pertains to the products identified in this **Federal Register Notice**.

New Army Combat Uniform (ACU) Coats & Trousers—Transition Quantities Qualified Nonprofit Agencies under the Committee's program are currently authorized to produce 300,000 Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) trousers and 100,000 BDU coats. During the Army's transition from BDU to the ACU, at the request of the Defense Supply Center—Philadelphia (DSCP), it is proposed that qualified nonprofit agencies produce an

additional 200,000 BDU trousers, 900,000 ACU coats, 900,000 ACU trousers, and 50,000 BDU coats annually, for a period of three years. Once the transition period is complete, the additional quantities will be deleted from the Procurement List and the qualified nonprofit agencies will reduce their production, back to 300,000 ACU trousers and 100,000 ACU coats.

The following material pertains to all of the items being added to the Procurement List.

#### 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. If approved, 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. If approved, 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. 46-48c) in connection with the products 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.

#### End of Certification

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

#### Products

*Product/NSN:* BDU Trousers, Combat (Additional 200,000 pair of any Type), 8415-01-084-1016, 8415-01-084-1017, 8415-01-084-1705, 8415-01-084-1706, 8415-01-084-1707, 8415-01-084-1708, 8415-01-084-1709, 8415-01-084-1710, 8415-01-084-1711, 8415-01-084-1712, 8415-01-084-1713, 8415-01-084-1714, 8415-01-084-1715, 8415-01-084-1716, 8415-01-084-1717, 8415-01-084-1718, 8415-01-134-3193, 8415-01-134-3194,