

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Darin Coté, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-2415, (202)720-8129.

Copies of information collection may be obtained from Darin Coté, at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. This does not affect the deadline for the public to comment to the Department of Agriculture on any substantive common provisions regulations that may be the subject of other notices.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 25, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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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: June 2, 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 October 4 and December 20, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 51881 and 67306) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

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 commodity and service to the Government.

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

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

Accordingly, the following commodity and service are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodity

EMM Tray, Plastic & EMM Sleeve, Fiberboard
7240-00-NSH-0001
7240-00-NSH-0002

(50% of the total Government requirements for the U.S. Postal Service)

*Service**Administrative Services*

General Services Administration, Las Vegas Field Office (sub Reno), Reno, Nevada

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 and Deletions

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

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

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: June 2, 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.

Addition

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the 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 services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to 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. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Grounds Maintenance

Picatinny Arsenal, Picatinny, New Jersey
NPA: The First Occupational Center of New Jersey, Orange, New Jersey

Janitorial/Custodial

U.S. Courthouse, 1030 SW 3rd Avenue,
Portland, Oregon
NPA: Portland Habilitation Center, Inc.,
Portland, Oregon

Janitorial/Custodial

U.S. Coast Guard, 2420 South Lincoln
Memorial Parkway, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin
NPA: GWS, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publications Distribution

Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota NPA:
Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop,
Inc., Minot, North Dakota

Deletions

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 commodities.

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

The following commodities have been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Surgical Pack, Disposable
6532-01-018-3286

Pillowcase, Disposable
7210-00-852-3417
7210-00-883-8494

Trousers, Night Camouflage, Desert
8415-01-102-6285 through -6299

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 9, 1996, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - II. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 1997
 - III. Announcements
 - IV. Staff Report
 - V. Future Items
- 11:30 a.m. Briefing on the Legal Services Corporation

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Barbara Brooks, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

Stephanie Y. Moore,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 970408082-7082-01]

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Block Group Program for Census 2000—Proposed Criteria

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed program revisions and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Block groups are geographic statistical divisions of census tracts, each of which consists of from one to nine block groups. A block group comprises a reasonably compact and

contiguous cluster of census blocks. The primary goal of the block group program is to provide data users with a geographic subunit of census tracts for which decennial census sample and 100 percent data are tabulated and disseminated.

The Census Bureau first used block groups in its data presentations from the 1970 census. It did this in lieu of providing data summaries for enumeration districts in areas that had census block numbers. As census blocks and block groups became increasingly popular with data users, the Census Bureau established them in many new areas. By 1990, there was complete census block and block group coverage for all of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands of the United States).

Through the 1990 census, block groups were subunits either of census tracts or of similar entities known as block numbering areas (BNAs). For areas where census tracts did not exist, the Census Bureau had established BNAs to control the numbering of census blocks within block groups. A county or statistically equivalent entity¹ could, therefore, have either census tracts or BNAs. For Census 2000, the Census Bureau will merge the two programs and convert all BNAs to census tracts.

To determine boundaries and identification numbers for block groups, the Census Bureau offers a program to local participants, such as locally identified agencies and American Indian tribal officials, whereby they can review and update the boundaries of the block groups delineated for the 1990 census and suggest revisions according to the criteria developed and promulgated by the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau then reviews the resulting block groups for conformance to these criteria.

As the first step in this process, the Census Bureau is requesting comments on the criteria proposed for the delineation of block groups in conjunction with Census 2000. These criteria will apply to the 50 states, American Indian and Alaska Native areas, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. The Census Bureau may modify and, if

¹ Includes parishes in Louisiana; boroughs and census areas in Alaska; independent cities in Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia; that portion of Yellowstone National Park in Montana; districts in American Samoa and the Virgin Islands of the United States; municipalities in the Northern Mariana Islands; municipios in Puerto Rico; and the entire areas constituting the District of Columbia and Guam. This notice will refer to all these entities collectively as "counties."