



COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

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

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds service(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes product(s) from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: *Date added to and deleted from the Procurement List:* March 31, 2024

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 12/15/2023, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (operating as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission) published an initial notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List (88 FR 86884). The Committee determined that the Operation of Postal Service Center and Official Mail Center listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government and has added this/these (service) to the Procurement List as a mandatory purchase for the DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE, FA9301 AFTC PZIO. In accordance with 41 CFR 51-5.3(b), the mandatory purchase requirement is limited to U.S. Air Force at Edward Air Force Base, CA, and in accordance with 41 CFR 51-5.2, the Committee has authorized VersAbility Resources, Inc., Hampton, VA as the source of supply.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit

agencies to provide the service(s) and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service(s) listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 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 service(s) to the Government.
2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service(s) 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. 8501-8506) in connection with the service(s) proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service(s) are added to the Procurement List:

Service(s)

Service Type: Operation of Postal Service Center and Official Mail Center

Mandatory for: US Air Force, Official Mail Center, Edwards Air Force Base, CA

Authorized Source of Supply: VersAbility Resources, Inc., Hampton, VA

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE, FA9301 AFTC PZIO

The Committee finds good cause to dispense with the 30-day delay in the effective date normally required by the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. 553(d). This addition to the Committee's Procurement List is effectuated because of the expiration of the U.S. Air Force, Official Mail Center & Postal Service Center, Edwards Air Force Base, CA contract. The Federal customer contacted and has worked diligently with the AbilityOne Program to fulfill this service need under the AbilityOne Program. To avoid

performance disruption, and the possibility that the U.S. Air Force will refer its business elsewhere, this addition must be effective on 3/24/2024, ensuring timely execution for a 4/1/2024 start date while still allowing 23 days for comment. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the **Federal Register** on 12/15/2023 and did not receive any comments from any interested persons. This addition will not create a public hardship and has limited effect on the public at large, but, rather, will create new jobs for other affected parties - people with significant disabilities in the AbilityOne program who otherwise face challenges locating employment. Moreover, this addition will enable Federal customer operations to continue without interruption.

Deletions

On 1/26/2024, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product(s) listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 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 additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product(s) 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. 8501-8506) in connection with the product(s) deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following product(s) are deleted from the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s) - Product Name(s):

7510-01-484-4561 - Refill, Rubberized Ballpoint Stick Pen w Chain, Black Ink, Medium Point

Authorized Source of Supply: Alphapointe, Kansas City, MO

Contracting Activity: GSA/FAS ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR(2, NEW YORK, NY

NSN(s) - Product Name(s):

7520-01-584-0881 - Holder, Note, Sticky, Rosewood

Authorized Source of Supply: Tarrant County Association for the Blind, Fort Worth, TX

Contracting Activity: GSA/FAS ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR(2, NEW YORK, NY

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