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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 a service to the Procurement List that will be provided by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Date added to the Procurement List:* March 5, 2020

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-4149.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Addition

On 6/22/2019, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to 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 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. 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 to the Government.

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

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 Defense Threat Reduction Agency's (DTRA) Administrative Support Service, contract. The Federal customer 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 DTRA will refer its business elsewhere, this addition must be effective on March 5, 2020, ensuring timely execution for a March 6, 2020 start date while still allowing 21 days for comments. Pursuant to its own regulation 41 C.F.R. § 51-2.4, the Committee has been in contact with one of the affected parties, the incumbent of the expiring contract since June 2019, and determined that no severe adverse impact exists. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the Federal Register on November 22, 2019, and did not receive comments from the incumbent contractor. 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.

End of Certification

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

Service

Service Type: Administrative Support Service

Mandatory for: Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), DTRA Headquarters, Fort Belvoir, VA

Mandatory Source of Supply: Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc., Upper Marlboro, MD

Contracting Activity: DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (DTRA), DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY

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