

national stage entry; (3) the application or national stage entry was not filed electronically in Patent Center; (4) the application is not an original (non-reissue), nonprovisional utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), or an international application that has entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371; (5) the application was previously granted special status; (6) the application does not contain at least one method claim that complies with the eligibility requirements set forth in section V of this notice; or (7) the application pertains to a medical device adapted to detect or treat a cancer and discloses a use for the medical device that is not related to the treatment or detection of a cancer.

VII. Requirement for Restriction or Unity of Invention

If the claims in the application are directed to multiple inventions, the examiner may make a requirement for restriction or unity of invention in accordance with current restriction practice. If such a requirement is made, the applicant must make an election without traverse to an invention that meets the eligibility requirements of this program.

If the applicant elects the product or apparatus, claims to the qualifying method will be withdrawn but must remain pending and depend from or be commensurate in scope with the examined product or apparatus claims (that is, the qualifying method claims must contain all of the limitations of the examined product or apparatus claims). Any reply to an Office action that cancels all of the method claims that meet the eligibility requirements for the pilot program or does not present eligible method claims that are commensurate in scope with or depend from the product or apparatus claims under examination will be treated as not fully responsive. The petition must include a statement that if the applicant elects a product or an apparatus for examination, the applicant agrees to present eligible method claims that are commensurate in scope with or depend from the claims to the elected product or apparatus throughout the pendency of the application.

Where the applicant elects claims directed to an eligible product or apparatus, and all product or apparatus claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn eligible method claims that include all the limitations of the allowable product or apparatus claims will be considered for rejoinder in accordance with sections 806.05 *et seq.* and 821.04 *et seq.* of the MPEP. In the event of rejoinder, the requirement

for restriction between the product or apparatus claims and the rejoined method claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined method claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104.

VIII. Period for Reply by the Applicant

The time periods set for reply in Office actions for an application granted special status under the pilot program will be the same as those set forth in section 710.02(b) of the MPEP.

IX. Replies by the Applicant Under the Pilot Program

Throughout the pendency of an application granted special status under the pilot program, the applicant's replies to Office actions must be fully responsive to the rejections, objections, and requirements made by the examiner. Any amendment filed in reply to an Office action may be treated as not fully responsive if it attempts to: (1) add claims that would result in more than 3 independent claims or more than 20 total claims pending in the application; (2) add any multiple dependent claim(s); (3) cancel all method claims that meet the eligibility requirements of the pilot program; or (4) cancel all claims to the elected invention. The amendment may also be treated as not fully responsive if it does not present eligible method claims that are commensurate in scope with or depend from the claims to the elected product or apparatus. If a reply to a non-final Office action is not fully responsive for the reasons set forth above but is a *bona fide* attempt to advance the application to final action, the examiner may, at their discretion, issue a notice of nonresponsive amendment and provide a shortened statutory period of two months for the applicant to supply a fully responsive reply. Extensions of this time period under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to the notice of nonresponsive amendment will be permitted, but in no case can any extension carry the date for reply to this notice beyond the maximum period of *six months* set by statute (35 U.S.C. 133). However, any further nonresponsive amendment typically will not be treated as *bona fide*; therefore, the time period set in the prior notice will continue to run.

X. After-Final and Appeal Procedures

Any amendment, affidavit, or other evidence after a final Office action and prior to appeal must comply with 37 CFR 1.116. During the appeal process, the application will be treated in accordance with the normal appeal procedure (*see* MPEP Chapter 1200).

XI. Withdrawal From the Pilot Program

There is no provision for withdrawal from the pilot program. The applicant may abandon an application that has been granted special status under the pilot program in favor of a continuing application. However, a continuing application will not automatically be granted special status based on the petition filed in the parent application. Each application (including each continuing application) must, on its own, meet all requirements for special status under the pilot program, and be accompanied by its own petition as detailed in section IV above.

Katherine K. Vidal,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Deletions

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

ACTION: Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action deletes service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Date deleted from the Procurement List:* January 8, 2023.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785-6404 or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletions

On 8/19/2022 and 9/9/2022, 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) and service(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) and 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 product(s) and service(s) deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

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

Service(s)

Service Type: IT Support Services

Mandatory for: Defense Health Agency, Solution Delivery Division, 7700 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA

Designated Source of Supply: Global Connections to Employment, Inc., Pensacola, FL

Contracting Activity: DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY (DHA), DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

Service Type: Custodial service

Mandatory for: FAA, Multiple Locations, 3491 S. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL

Designated Source of Supply: Mavagi Enterprises, Inc., San Antonio, TX

Contracting Activity: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, 697DCK REGIONAL ACQUISITIONS SVCS

Service Type: Grounds Maintenance

Mandatory for: US Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Lock and Dam, Interstate 84, Exit 40, Cascade Locks, OR

Designated Source of Supply: Relay Resources, Portland, OR

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W071 ENDIST PORTLAND

Service Type: Janitorial/Custodial

Mandatory for: Veterans Outreach Center: 2001 Lincoln Way, Oak Park Mall

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, NAC

Service Type: Catering Service

Mandatory for: Seattle Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), 4735 E Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA

Designated Source of Supply: Northwest Center, Seattle, WA

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY, W6QM MICC—FT KNOX

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Acting Director, Business Operations.

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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 the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add product(s) and 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) and service(s) previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: January 8, 2023.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785–6404, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

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.

Additions

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

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

8465–01–082–6449—Cap Strap, Water

Canteen, Olive Drab

8465–00–NIB–0290—Cap Strap, Water

Canteen, 483 Green

Designated Source of Supply: The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (Seattle Lighthouse), Seattle, WA

Contracting Activity: DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, DLA TROOP SUPPORT

Distribution: C-List

Mandatory for: 100% of the requirement of the Department of Defense

Service(s)

Service Type: Base Supply Center

Mandatory for: United States Naval

Academy, Annapolis, MD

Designated Source of Supply: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc, Winston-Salem, NC

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE NAVY, NAVSUP FLT LOG CTR NORFOLK

Service Type: Patient Access and Referral Accountability Service

Mandatory for: U.S. Air Force, Colorado Military Health System, Colorado Springs, CO

Designated Source of Supply: Global Connections to Employment, Inc., Pensacola, FL

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE, FA7000 10 CONS LGC

Deletions

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7520–00–139–4869—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 15", 6 Shelf, Beige

7520–00–728–5761—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 15", 6 Shelf, Gray

7520–01–445–0733—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 17 1/8", 7 Shelf, Beige

7520–01–445–0735—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 12 1/2", 5 Shelf, Beige

7520–01–445–0736—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 19 5/8", 8 Shelf, Beige

7520–01–445–0739—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 7 1/8", 3 Shelf, Beige

7520–01–445–0741—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 10" 4 Shelf, Beige

7520–01–452–1558—File, Vertical Desk, 8" × 11" × 14 1/4", 8 Shelf, Black

7520–01–452–1562—File, Vertical Desk, 8" × 11" × 14 1/4", 8 Shelf, Beige

7520–01–452–1563—File, Combination Desk, 7 3/4" × 14" × 11", Beige

7520–01–452–1564—File, Combination Desk, 7 3/4" × 14" × 11", Black

7520–01–457–0719—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 15", 6 Shelf, Black

7520–01–457–0721—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 10", 4 Shelf, Black

7520–01–457–0723—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 12 1/2", 5 Shelf, Black

7520–01–457–0724—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 7 1/8", 3 Shelf, Black

7520–01–457–0725—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 17 1/8", 7 Shelf, Black

7520–01–457–0726—File, Horizontal Desk, 12" × 8 1/2" × 19 5/8", 8 Shelf, Black

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

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

8415–01–364–3320—Suit, Contamination Avoidance Suit, Hooded Poncho and

Trousers, Army, Green, S

8415–01–364–3321—Suit, Contamination Avoidance Suit, Hooded Poncho and

Trousers, Army, Green, M/L

8415–01–364–3322—Suit, Contamination Avoidance Suit, Hooded Poncho and

Trousers, Army, Green, XL/XXL

Designated Source of Supply: ORC

Industries, Inc., La Crosse, WI

Contracting Activity: DLA TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA