

Request for Comment

Instructions for Commenters: The Department invites comment on the full range of issues that may be presented by this inquiry, including issues that are not specifically raised in the following questions. Commenters are encouraged to address any or all of the following questions. Comments that contain references to studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials with the submitted comments.

(1) *Is our discussion of IoT presented in the green paper regarding the challenges, benefits, and potential role of government accurate and/or complete? Are there issues that we missed, or that we need to reconsider?*

(2) *Is the approach for Departmental action to advance the Internet of Things comprehensive in the areas of engagement? Where does the approach need improvement?*

(3) *Are there specific tasks that the Department should engage in that are not covered by the approach?*

(4) *What should the next steps be for the Department in fostering the advancement of IoT?*

For any response, commenters may wish to consider describing specific goals or actions that the Department, or the U.S. Government in general, might take (on its own or in conjunction with the private sector) to achieve those goals; the benefits and costs associated with the action; whether the proposal is agency-specific or interagency; the rationale and evidence to support it; and the roles of other stakeholders.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

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Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-P-2016-0046]

Reopening of the Period for Comments on a Preliminary Draft Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Currently Being Negotiated at The Hague Conference on Private International Law

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office is publishing this notice to reopen the comment period provided in its notice of November 18, 2016, entitled Request for Comments and Notice of Public Meeting on a Preliminary Draft Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Currently Being Negotiated at the Hague Conference on Private International Law. The new deadline for public comments is January 18, 2017.

DATES: *Written Comments:* Written comments must be received on or before January 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: *Written Comments:* Interested parties are encouraged to file written comments electronically by email to judgmentsproject@uspto.gov. Comments submitted by email should be machine-searchable and should not be copy-protected. Written comments also may be submitted by mail to the Office of Policy and International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop International Affairs, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. Responders should include the name of the person or organization filing the comment, as well as a page number, on each page of their submissions. Paper submissions should also include a CD or DVD containing the submission in MS Word®, WordPerfect®, or pdf format. CDs or DVDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. All personally identifiable information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. The USPTO will accept anonymous written comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

All comments received are part of the public record and will be available for public inspection without charge via the USPTO's Web site at www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/ip-policy/hague-conference-private-international-law and at the Office of the Director, Policy and International Affairs, located in Madison West, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, upon request. Because comments will be available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as name, an address or phone number, etc., should not be included in the written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Michael Shapiro, Senior Counsel, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO, by telephone at 571-272-9300, or by email to judgmentsproject@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Hague Conference on Private International Law ("The Hague Conference"), an international organization in the Netherlands, is sponsoring negotiations for a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in civil and commercial matters. In February 2016, the Council on General Affairs and Policy of The Hague Conference created a Special Commission on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments ("the Special Commission") to prepare a preliminary draft text of the convention, which is subject to a formal diplomatic negotiation open to member States of The Hague Conference. At its first session in June 2016, the Special Commission produced a Preliminary Draft Convention that includes general and specific provisions that would apply to the recognition and enforcement of judgments arising from transnational intellectual property disputes.

On November 18, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requested public comments on the June 2016 Preliminary Draft Convention (the "Preliminary Draft") as it relates to intellectual property matters (81 FR 81741 (Nov. 18, 2016)), with the comment period ending on January 9, 2017. The USPTO is now reopening the comment period to ensure that all stakeholders have sufficient opportunity to submit comments. The new deadline for submitting public comments is January 18, 2017. Any comments received between the close of the previous deadline of January 9, 2017, and January 13, 2017 will be treated as timely and given full consideration.

Further information about the Preliminary Draft, as well as questions about the draft that the USPTO presented for consideration, are set forth in the earlier notice requesting comments (81 FR 81741 (Nov. 18, 2016)).

Dated: January 9, 2017.

Michelle K. Lee,

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; 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 products and a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes products previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: 2/12/2017.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, 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 products and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

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

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 8920-00-SAM-0169—Super Cereal Plus
Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Transylvania Vocational Services, Inc., Brevard, NC
Mandatory for: An additional 10% of the requirement of the U.S. Agency for International Development's World Food

Program, as aggregated by the USDA Farm Service Agency, IPD Packaged, Kansas City, MO. Total requirement on the U.S. AbilityOne Commission Procurement List will be 30%.

Contracting Activity: USDA, Farm Service Agency, IPD Packaged

Distribution: C-List

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7510-00-NIB-0823—Tab, Self-Stick, Durable, 1", Assorted Colors
7510-00-NIB-0824—Tabs, Self-Stick, Filing, Repositionable, 2", Red/Yellow
7510-01-421-4751—Tabs, Self-Stick, Page Makers Repositionable, .5" x 2", Assorted Colors

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired—Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Rochester, NY

Mandatory for: Total Government Requirement

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

Distribution: A-List

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

6530-00-NIB-0209—Hot Pack, Instant, Disposable, 6" x 8"
6530-00-NIB-0217—Cold Pack, Instant, Disposable, 5" x 6"
6530-00-NIB-0219—Cold Pack, Instant, Disposable, 5" x 7"
6530-00-NIB-0221—Cold Pack, Instant, Disposable, 6" x 8.75"
6530-00-NIB-0222—Hot Pack, Instant, Disposable, 5" x 6"
6530-00-NIB-0223—Hot Pack, Instant, Disposable, 5" x 7"

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Utica, NY

Mandatory for: Total Government Requirement

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support

Distribution: B-List

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

9905-00-NIB-0376—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Orange
9905-00-NIB-0377—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Pink
9905-00-NIB-0378—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 21" Staff, Orange
9905-00-NIB-0379—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 21" Staff, Red
9905-00-NIB-0380—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 21" Staff, Yellow
9905-00-NIB-0384—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 15" Staff, Yellow
9905-00-NIB-0386—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 15" Staff, Red
9905-00-NIB-0387—Flag, Marking, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2", 15" Staff, Orange
9905-00-NIB-0389—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Orange
9905-00-NIB-0390—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Pink
9905-00-NIB-0392—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Red
9905-00-NIB-0393—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Yellow
9905-00-NIB-0391—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Orange

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, San Angelo, TX
Mandatory for: Total Government

Requirement

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Fort Worth, TX

Distribution: B-List

Service

Service Type: Janitorial Service

Mandatory for: U.S. Department of Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Building, 950 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Upper Marlboro, MD

Contracting Activity: Dept of Justice, Offices, Boards and Divisions Washington, DC

Deletions

The following products are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

8415-01-503-0761—Shirt, Cold Weather 100 Weight Fleece, Army, Coyote Brown, S
8415-01-503-0762—Shirt, Cold Weather 100 Weight Fleece, Army, Coyote Brown, M
8415-01-503-0763—Shirt, Cold Weather 100 Weight Fleece, Army, Coyote Brown, L
8415-01-503-0766—Shirt, Cold Weather 100 Weight Fleece, Army, Coyote Brown, XL

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc., Lansing, MI

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7530-01-578-9300—Label, File Folder, Recycled, Laser and Inkjet, Assorted Color Stripes, 1 3/16" x 3-7/16"

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7510-01-519-4362—Binder, Round Ring, Clear Overlay, Pockets, Cinnamon, 1 1/2" Capacity, Letter Size

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Corpus Christi, TX

Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, Strategic Acquisition Center General Services Administration, New York, NY

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 6645-01-467-8481—Clock, Wall, Black Custom Logo, 28" Diameter

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Chicago Lighthouse Industries, Chicago, IL

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7520-01-094-4309—Tray, Desk, Plastic, Side Loading, Stackable, Legal, Black

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: LC Industries, Inc., Durham, NC

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7930-01-513-9967—Cleaner, General, Disinfectant,