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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 to the Procurement List a commodity to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 13, 2001, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (66 FR 36741) of proposed addition to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodity and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodity listed below is 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 to the Government.
2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodity.
3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity 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 proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

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

Commodity

Mop, Flat, w/Scrubber
M.R. 1045

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve: Notice of Approval and Availability on Revised Management Plan

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Approval and Availability of the Final Revised Management Plan for the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division (ERD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, has approved the revised management plan for the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR). The WBNERR was designated in 1989 and has been operating under a management plan approved in 1989. Pursuant to section 921.33(c) of the National Estuarine Research System implementing regulations, a state must revise its management plan at least every five years, or more often if necessary.

The revisions to the WBNERR management plan include:

- The renovation of the headquarters site and its structures to provide a support base for the administrative, research and education activities of the Reserve;
- The significant increase in staff and the concomitant increase in activities

undertaken under the auspices of the Reserve;

- The proposed acquisition boundary which describes the Reserve's plans to expand its boundary. It also describes lands that may be acquired for incorporation into the Reserve boundary. The approval of this management plan officially incorporates the Quashnet River parcel and the Great Flat Pond into the Reserve boundary. The proposed acquisition boundary describes the Reserve's plans to pursue for acquisition approximately 1,250 acres of unprotected areas in the Waquoit Bay watershed that coincides with the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge's acquisition boundary.

- The incorporation of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management's Guidelines for Operations and Land Stewardship (GOALS);

- The exhibits at the visitor center, which significantly increases visitation to the Reserve; and

- Modifications to the Reserve's advisory committee structure that reflect the maturation of the Reserve and its needs at this stage of operations.

The revised management plan demonstrates continued strong support from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and NOAA for research, monitoring and education programs. A long-term research plan focuses on understanding the structure and function of key habitats, such as the Reserve's five major marsh systems. A comparative ecology approach provides the basis for research project design and priority setting. Collaborative studies with Federal, state, and institutional researchers are encouraged. An associated long-term monitoring program will characterize the environmental quality and the occurrence and abundance of living resources. Monitoring is designed to determine baseline status and trends in habitat quality and the health of important resource species.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Grimm, OCRM, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor (N/ORM5), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3155, Extension 107.

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