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Currently, the Office has access to a variety of internal and external resources for searching and accessing prior art. Internally, the Office utilizes the Examiner's Automated Search Tool (EAST), Web Examiner Search Tool (WEST), and a variety of vendor databases to provide examiners with access to U.S. and foreign patents and patent application publications using both classification and textual searching. Externally, the Scientific and Technical Information Center (STIC) provides examiners with access to non-patent literature in several art-specific print collections and electronic resources totaling over 500 databases, 59,000 electronic journals and 175,000 e-books. A listing of the Office's prior art resources may be found at <http://www.uspto.gov/patents/resources/priorart.jsp>.

As a follow-up to the Prior Art Software Partnership Meeting, the Office is asking stakeholders for further ideas to improve the quality and efficiency of searching software-related inventions. In particular, the Office seeks comments on the following questions:

1. What specific databases, Web sites, tools and other resources do you find useful in searching for software-related inventions? Please indicate strengths and limitations of each resource.
2. What are your concerns regarding the manner in which USPTO examiners formulate and implement search strategies to identify prior art for software related inventions? How should these concerns be addressed?

Date: December 30, 2013.

Margaret A. Focarino,

Commissioner for Patents, Performing the functions and duties of the 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 Addition

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

ACTION: Proposed Addition to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add a product to the Procurement List

that will be furnished by nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Comments Must Be Received On Or Before:* 2/6/2014.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 10800, 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 USC 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed action.

Addition

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the product listed below from the nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following product is proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agency listed:

Product:

CD-R Silver w/Jewel Case, 10pk

NSN: 7045-01-482-7540.

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA.

Contracting Activity: DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Coverage: B-List for the Broad Government Requirement as aggregated by Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA.

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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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 products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies

employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes services from the Procurement List previously provided by such agencies.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 2/6/2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 11/8/2013 (78 FR 67129-67130) and 11/15/2013 (78 FR 68823-68824), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products 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 products to the Government.
2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are added to the Procurement List:

Products:

Pen, Roller Ball, Liquid Ink, Retractable, Needle Point, Airplane Safe

NSN: 7520-00-NIB-1932-0.5 mm, Refillable, Black

NSN: 7520-00-NIB-1933-0.5 mm, Refillable, Blue

NSN: 7520-00-NIB-1934-0.7 mm,