

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave White, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 10 East Babcock, Room 443, Bozeman, Montana, 59715, Telephone: 406-587-6811.

Thirtymile Creek Watershed, Montana*Notice of Intent To Deauthorize Federal Funding***SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

A determination has been made by Dave White, State Conservationist that the proposed works of improvement for the Thirtymile Creek project will not be installed. One of the two sponsoring local organizations has concurred in this determination and agrees that Federal funding should be deauthorized for the project. Information regarding this determination may be obtained from Dave White, State Conservationist, at the above address and telephone number.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed deauthorization will be taken until 60 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95 regarding State and Local clearinghouse review of Federal and federally assisted programs and projects is Applicable.)

Dated: February 19, 2004.

Dave White,

State Conservationist.

[FR Doc. 04-6201 Filed 3-18-04; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-16-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Housing Service****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Management and Supervision of Multiple Family Housing Borrowers and Grant Recipients.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 18, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Stouder, Multi-Family Housing

Portfolio Management Division, Rural Housing Service, Room 1245, Stop 0782, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-9728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Management and Supervision of Multiple Family Housing Borrowers and Grant Recipients.

OMB Number: 0575-0033.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under sections 514, 515, 516, and 521 of title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to provide loans and grants to eligible recipients for the development of rental housing in rural areas. Such multi-family housing (MFH) projects are intended to meet the housing needs of persons or families having very low to moderate incomes, senior citizens, the disabled, and domestic farm laborers.

RHS has the responsibility of assuring the public that MFH projects financed are managed and operated as mandated by Congress. This regulation (7 CFR part 1930, subpart C) was issued to insure consistent and proper management and operation of projects financed with MFH loan and grant funds. Minimal requirements have been established as deemed necessary to assure that applicable laws and authorities are carried out as intended.

With the provisions of this regulation, RHS will be able to provide the necessary guidance and supervision to new and existing borrowers to assist in the economical operation of their projects. RHS must be able to assure Congress and the general public that all MFH projects will be operated as economically as possible, for the purposes for which they are intended, and for the benefit of those they are mandated to serve.

The required information is collected on a project-by-project basis and is done so in accordance with the amended Housing Act of 1949, so that RHS can provide guidance and be assured of compliance with the terms and conditions of loan, grant, and/or subsidy agreements.

RHS will use the information collected to identify financially detrimental trends, poor management practices, and potential problems before they manifest themselves in the form of loan delinquencies, unpaid operation expenses, improper discriminatory practices, or high vacancy rates. With this information, RHS can assist the

borrower through consultation (supervision) to improve the efficiency of the project and its operation. RHS supervision is especially critical during the first year of operation. In addition, the information provided is intended to verify whether or not the borrower is complying with the terms and conditions of loan, grant, or subsidy agreements. After the first year of operation, the information is requested of the borrower to assure continued compliance with the loan and grant agreements.

Failure by RHS to monitor progress of borrower operation through review of collected information and consultation would reasonably lead to noncompliance with statutory intent in some instances and financial default in others. Corrective action to remove such noncompliance or default would be costly to RHS and the public in terms of program integrity, public confidence, dollars, and staff time.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .90 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,200 borrowers, 420,000 tenants and 100,000 tenant applicant respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 4.43.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,143,740 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Givelekian, RPMB Analyst, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Tracy Givelekian, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice

will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 9, 2004.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

[FR Doc. 04-6171 Filed 3-18-04; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-XV-P

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 Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a product and service previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: April 18, 2004.

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: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(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 for each product or service will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

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. If approved, 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 and services to the government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services 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. 46-48c) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

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

Products

Product/NSN: Blue Nitrile Examination

Gloves,

6515-00-NIB-0236,

6515-00-NIB-0237,

6515-00-NIB-0238,

6515-00-NIB-0239,

6530-00-NIB-0104,

6530-00-NIB-0105,

6530-00-NIB-0106,

6530-00-NIB-0107.

NPA: Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Utica, New York.

Contract Activity: Transportation Security Administration, Arlington, Virginia.

Services

Service Type/Location: Furniture

Rehabilitation, Building 2, 250

Vandenberg Street, Peterson AFB,

Colorado.

NPA: Aspen Diversified Industries, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Contract Activity: Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 125 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

NPA: Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, Youngstown, Ohio.

Contract Activity: GSA, Public Buildings Service (5P), Chicago, Illinois.

Deletions

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. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and 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. 46-48c) in connection with the product and service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

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

Product

Product/NSN: Soap Holder,

4510-00-965-1259.

NPA: Watauga Opportunities, Inc., Boone, North Carolina.

Contracting Activity: GSA, Southwest Supply Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

Service

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Social Security Administration Building, 525 18th Street, Rock Island, Illinois.

NPA: Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Rock Island and Mercer Counties, Rock Island, Illinois.

Contract Activity: GSA, Public Buildings Service (5P), Chicago, Illinois.

G. John Heyer,

General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 04-6230 Filed 3-18-04; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6353-01-P

COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Additions to and deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List services previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2004.

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: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: