

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 Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action deletes from the Procurement List products previously furnished by nonprofit agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 2006.

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletions

On July 21, 2006, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (71 F.R. 41417) of proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c 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 may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. The action may 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. 46-48c) in connection with the products deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are deleted from the Procurement List:

Products

Binder, Note Pad

NSN: 7510-00-NIB-0195—Binder, Note Pad.
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NPA: ForSight Vision, York, PA.
NPA: New York City Industries for the Blind, Inc., Brooklyn, NY.
Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Ctr, New York, NY.

Card Set, Guide, File

NSN: 7530-01-175-1553—Card Set, Guide, File.

NPA: Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge, GA.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Ctr, New York, NY.

Case, Carrying

NSN: 1220-00-765-5870—Case, Carrying.

NSN: 1220-00-937-8286—Case, Carrying.

NPA: Arizona Industries for the Blind, Phoenix, AZ.

Chock Wheel

NSN: 1730-00-NIB-001B—Chock Wheel (6" x 8" x 18").

NSN: 1730-00-NIB-001A—Chock Wheel (2" x 4" x 8").

NSN: 1730-00-NIB-001E—Chock Wheel (10" x 20").

NSN: 1730-00-NIB-001D—Chock Wheel (8" x 12").

NSN: 1730-00-NIB-001C—Chock Wheel (6" x 8" x 76").

NPA: The Oklahoma League for the Blind, Oklahoma City, OK.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, VA.

Detergent, General Purpose

NSN: 7930-01-055-6122—Detergent, General Purpose.

NPA: Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX.

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

Inking Pad, Rubber Stamp

NSN: 7510-01-431-6515—Inking Pad, Rubber Stamp.

NPA: Cattaraugus County Chapter, NYSARC, Olean, NY.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Ctr, New York, NY.

Insert, Foam, Laminated

NSN: 8135-00-NSH-0004—Insert, Foam, Laminated.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette, Portland, OR.

Contracting Activity: Bureau of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

Splint, Pneumatic

NSN: 6515-00-935-6593—Splint, Pneumatic.

NSN: 6515-00-935-6592—Splint, Pneumatic.

NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (Seattle Lighthouse), Seattle, WA.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102606D]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee, Scup Monitoring Committee, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Council's and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisors will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, November 20, 2006, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113, telephone: (610) 521-5900.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these meetings is to recommend the 2007 recreational management measures for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the MAFMC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M.

Jan Saunders (302) 674-2331 extension 18 at the Council Office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 31, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2006-0052]

No FEAR Act Notice

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office is providing notice to its employees, former employees, and applicants for employment of rights and remedies available under the Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws as required by the Notification and Federal Employees Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), and the regulations of the Office of Personnel Management found at 5 CFR part 724.

ADDRESSES: The United States Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Civil Rights is located at 600 Dulany Street, Madison East, 7th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22313. The telephone number is (571) 272-8292 and the facsimile number is (571) 273-0154.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bismarck Myrick by telephone at (571) 272-8292; by mail at United States Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Civil Rights, 600 Dulany Street, Madison East, 7th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22313; facsimile number at (571) 273-0154; or electronic mail at OCR@uspto.gov.

Background

On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," which is now known as the No FEAR Act. One purpose of the Act is to "require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws." Public Law 107-174, Summary. In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Public Law 107-174, Title I, General Provisions, section 101(1).

The Act also requires this agency to provide this notice to Federal employees, former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to inform them of the rights and protections available to them under Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

Antidiscrimination Laws

A Federal agency may not discriminate against an employee or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or political affiliation. Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by one or more of the following statutes: 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1), 29 U.S.C. 206(d), 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 791 and 42 U.S.C. 2000e-16.

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability, you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with your agency. *See, e.g.* 29 CFR 1614. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, you must either contact an EEO counselor as noted above or give notice of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. If you are alleging discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (see contact information below). In the alternative (or in some cases, in addition), you may pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through your agency's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available.

Whistleblower Protection Laws

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a

substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or on-line through the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (*e.g.*, EEO/ Civil Rights Office, Human Resources Office or Office of General Counsel). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination,