

EDA is considering several steps to address the collection of the remaining measures.

Following is a list of the steps EDA will take to address the current data collection gaps.

(1) TAACs were instructed to upgrade their Adobe software to facilitate data collection. TAACs that only have Adobe Reader can use the Adobe fillable forms, but they cannot save the information on their computers. Upgrading the Adobe software will allow the remaining TAACs to save electronic records of the forms, and will allow EDA to automatically upload information into its management information system and no longer require EDA to re-type all of the information into the system.

(2) EDA will issue several new procedures and guidelines to simplify data collection through a revised template for the quarterly TAAC activity reports.

(3) As resources become available, the management information system (MIS) will be expanded to facilitate reporting.

(4) EDA is in the process of seeking OMB clearance for a revised Form ED-840P to collect all required data.

Conclusion

Overall, there has been an increase in the demand for the TAAF Program in FY 2009, as demonstrated by the increase in the number of petitions for certification and Adjustment Proposals submitted to EDA.

Due to the spike in petitions and Adjustment Proposals, EDA experienced challenges in meeting the new 40-day processing deadline for petitions accepted for filing immediately after the new rule's implementation. However, since the fourth quarter of FY 2009, the average processing time for petitions declined below the 40-day requirement. New TAAF program staff members are expected to help improve processing time even further for FY 2010.

TAACs effectively targeted small and medium-sized firms in FY 2009. The average employment, net sales, and productivity of firms certified in FY 2009 declined in comparison to the previous fiscal year. More than half of all firms proposed to implement a marketing/sales project or production/engineering project in their Adjustment Proposals.

Of the 14 measures required for reporting, EDA was unable to provide any information on four measures, and provided limited information on another four measures. EDA is taking steps to collect and report on all of the missing measures for the FY 2010 Annual Report.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List: Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be provided by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received On or Before: February 15, 2010.

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: 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 will be required to provide the 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 provide the services to the Government.
2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to provide the 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 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 services are proposed for addition to the Procurement List to be provided by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Service Type/Location: Custodial and Grounds Maintenance Services, Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 100 N. Church St., Las Cruces, NM.

NPA: Tresco, Inc., Las Cruces, NM.

Contracting Activity: GSA Public Buildings Service, PBS OK/NM Section, Albuquerque, NM.

Service Type/Location: Facilities Management, Joint Base Fort Lewis, McChord Air Force Base (JBLM), WA.

NPA: Professional Contract Services, Inc., Austin, TX.

Contracting Activity: Department Of The Army, Mission And Installation Contracting Command, Ft. Lewis, WA.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Corrections

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

ACTION: A correction is made to the **Federal Register** published by the Committee in proposing to add to and delete from the Procurement List a product and services on January 11, 2010 (75 FR 1354-1355). The correct date that comments should be received is February 11, 2010.

Action: A correction is made to the **Federal Register** published by the Committee in adding services to and deleting from the Procurement List products and services on January 11, 2010 (75 FR 1355-1356). The correct effective date should be February 11, 2010.

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