

core metrics: A work product metric representing correctness of actions, and a clarity metric that more thoroughly explores the sufficiency of the examiner's reasoning in an Office action, thus moving away from the prior goal-based quality "score" that reflected not only quality of work product but also results of surveys, used to discover both internal and external stakeholder opinions, and QIR process indicators? Which of the proposed clarity and correctness review items in the proposed standardized "Master Review Form," available at <http://www.uspto.gov/patentquality>, should be used as the key drivers of patent examination quality metrics?

(2) How can patent metrics best provide objective, rather than subjective, measurements of quality-related features in clarity and correctness reviews?

In addition to the three questions posed above, the USPTO welcomes comments on any and all areas of quality measurement. Suggestions for rephrased or additional quality metrics review items, especially clarity indicators, are welcomed. The USPTO will consider all submitted comments as it develops the next iteration of quality metrics.

For the most current information on this and other patent quality initiatives, please visit the Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative micro site at <http://www.uspto.gov/patentquality>.

Dated: March 22, 2016.

Michelle K. Lee,

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; Deletions

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

ACTION: Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action deletes products from the Procurement List that were previously furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Effective:* April 24, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletions

On 2/19/2016 (81 FR 8486), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice 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. 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 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. 8501-8506) in connection with the products deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

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

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7530-00-160-8475—Index Sheet Set, Alphabetical, 8 1/2" x 11", Buff

7530-00-160-8477—Index Sheet Set, Alphabetical, 11" x 8 1/2", Buff

Mandatory Source of Supply:
Life'sWork of Western PA,
Pittsburgh, PA

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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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 the Procurement List.

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

Comments Must be Received on Or Before: 4/24/2016.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, 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 U.S.C. 8503 (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 procure the products listed below from the nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

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

NSN(s)—Product Name(s)

7220-00-NSH-0022—Mat, Floor, Chair,

45" x 53" x 0.110", w/20" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0023—Mat, Floor, Chair,

45" x 53" x 0.110", w/25" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0024—Mat, Floor, Chair,

46" x 60" x 0.110", w/25" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0025—Mat, Floor, Chair,

46" x 60" x 0.110", Without Lip

7220-00-NSH-0026—Mat, Floor, Chair,

60" x 60" x 0.110", Without Lip

7220-00-NSH-0030—Mat, Floor, Chair,

36" x 48" x 0.150", w/20" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0031—Mat, Floor, Chair,

45" x 53" x 0.150", w/25" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0032—Mat, Floor, Chair,

45" x 53" x 0.150", w/20" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0033—Mat, Floor, Chair,

45" x 53" x .220", w/20" x 12" Lip

7220-00-NSH-0035—Mat, Floor, Chair, 46" x 60" x .150", Without Lip
 7220-00-NSH-0036—Mat, Floor, Chair, 46" x 60" x .150", w/25" x 12" Lip
 7220-00-NSH-0038—Mat, Floor, Chair, 46" x 60" x .220", w/25" x 12" Lip
 7220-00-NSH-0039—Mat, Floor, Chair, 46" x 60" x .220", Without Lip
 7220-00-NSH-0040—Mat, Floor, Chair, 60" x 60" x .150", Without Lip
 Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Northeastern Michigan Rehabilitation and Opportunity Center, Alpena, MI
 Mandatory for: Total Government Requirement
 Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY
 Distribution: A-List

Deletions

The following services are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Services

Service Type: Switchboard Service
 Service Mandatory For: Minot Air Force Base, Minot AFB, ND
 Mandatory Source of Supply: MVW Services, Inc., Minot, ND
 Contracting Activity: Dept of the Air Force, FA4528 5 CONS LGCP, Minot AFB, ND
 Service Type: Library Service
 Service Mandatory For: Minot Air Force Base, Minot AFB, ND
 Mandatory Source of Supply: MVW Services, Inc., Minot, ND
 Contracting Activity: Dept of the Air Force, FA7014 AFDW PK, Andrews AFB, MD
 Service Type: Mess Attendant Service
 Service Mandatory For: 192d FW VA Air National Guard, Sandston, VA
 Mandatory Source of Supply: Richmond Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Richmond, VA
 Contracting Activity: Dept of the Air Force, FA7014 AFDW PK, Andrews AFB, MD
 Service Type: Switchboard Operation Service
 Service Mandatory For: Ellsworth Air Force Base, Ellsworth AFB, SD
 Mandatory Source of Supply: BH Services, Inc., Ellsworth AFB, SD
 Contracting Activity: Dept of the Air Force, FA4690 28 CONS LGC, Ellsworth AFB, SD

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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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 the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action deletes products from the Procurement List that were

previously furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Effective April 24, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4149.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletions

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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. 8501-8506) in connection with the products deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

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

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):
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 7530-00-160-8477—Index Sheet Set, Alphabetical, 11" x 8 1/2", Buff
 Mandatory Source of Supply:
 Life'sWork of Western PA,
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2016-OS-0028]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 24, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information. Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this