

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-P-2016-0025]

**Third Annual USPTO Cooperative Patent Classification Meeting With Industry Users****AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is hosting its third annual Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) meeting with industry users at its Alexandria Campus. CPC is a bilateral classification system jointly developed by the USPTO and the European Patent Office (EPO). CPC is jointly managed and maintained by both offices, and is available for public search for classification. The upcoming meeting is open to the public and will inform attendees on the latest and upcoming developments concerning the CPC. The meeting also will be an opportunity for attendees to share their views about the CPC.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and ending at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the USPTO in the Madison Auditorium on the concourse level of the Madison Building located at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR MEETING REGISTRATION:** There is no fee to register for the meeting and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Early registration is recommended because seating is limited. Registration on the day of the meeting (September 19, 2016) will be permitted on a space-available basis beginning at 8:30 a.m. EDT.

To register, please provide your name and phone number to [CPCannualmeeting@uspto.gov](mailto:CPCannualmeeting@uspto.gov).

Registrants also may choose to identify their company or organization, and their position thereat, so that a workshop to be held during the meeting may be best tailored to meet the attendees' needs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Kim, Director of Classification Quality and International Coordination Division (CQIC), Office of International Patent Classification (OIPC), by telephone at 571-272-7980, or by electronic mail message at [CPCannualmeeting@uspto.gov](mailto:CPCannualmeeting@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CPC is a detailed classification system in effect at the USPTO and based on the International Patent Classification

scheme. The CPC incorporates best classification practices from both the U.S. and European systems.

The USPTO and the EPO designed the CPC to enable patent examiners and patent system users worldwide to conduct more efficient prior art searches. It provides an increased number of breakdowns compared to the U.S. Patent Classification System, allowing for targeted searches with more focused results. The CPC also was designed to encourage work sharing initiatives focused on enhancing efficiency by reducing duplicative work. Additionally, revisions to the CPC system can be made by both Offices on a regular basis, allowing for a rapid response to filing trends and emerging technologies.

At the September 19, 2016 meeting, key USPTO executive staff and project managers will brief attendees on the progress of the CPC, including recent changes and updates to the CPC. Attendees will receive information concerning external user interaction, accessibility, and outreach related to the CPC. In addition, a workshop will be held to provide training on the use of the CPC. Similar informational meetings have been held in Europe.

For further information about the CPC and the September 19, 2016 meeting, including the agenda for the meeting, please visit [www.cpcinfo.org](http://www.cpcinfo.org).

Dated: August 23, 2016.

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED****Procurement List; Addition**

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

**ACTION:** Addition to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** Effective September 27, 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:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Addition**

On 6/3/2016 (81 FR 35749-35750), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractor, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is 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 organization that will furnish the service to the Government.
2. The action will result in authorizing a small entity to furnish the 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. 8501-8506) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

**End of Certification**

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List.

Service Type: Custodial and Related Service  
Service Mandatory for: GSA PBS Region 1,  
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building,  
Boston, MA

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Work,  
Incorporated, Dorchester, MA  
Contracting Activity: Public Buildings  
Service, PBS R1, Boston, MA

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