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PROCUREMENT LIST

NOTICE OF CHANGE

TO: ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AGENCIES

National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
SourceAmerica

The U.S. AbilityOne Commission (Commission), administers the AbilityOne Program, in accordance with its enabling legislation (41 U.S.C. §§ 8501-8506), its regulations (41 C.F.R. Chapter 51) and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.7. Products and services on the AbilityOne Procurement List (PL) (see www.abilityone.gov) are mandatory source items when available in the timeframe needed.

The current national emergency to fight the COVID-19 pandemic calls for immediate action on the part of the Commission to provide all U.S. Government agencies with access to appropriate, existing PL projects that are otherwise limited to specific Government agencies.

The PL currently includes two (2) broad requirements which the Commission is making available to all Contracting Activities for U.S. Government agencies. Make-To-Order (MTO) medical kits which allows for the sourcing and kitting of medical and non-medical components and the Manufacturing and Development (M&D) which allows for the prototyping and manufacture of products to specific customer designs. The PL is modified, effective immediately, to add and make available to all Contracting Activities the requirements below, which will remain available for broad Government use until the current national emergency is determined to no longer be a threat. At such time, the Commission will terminate this special authority.

The COVID-19 national emergency project expansion as described below is NOT mandatory for all U.S. Government agencies. New requirements awarded to AbilityOne nonprofit agencies supporting the national emergency or recovery period through the below described project expansion will not be placed on the PL and ARE NOT the mandatory requirements of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. Further, contracting activities will not be obligated to participate in subsequent PL addition for those requirements.

SURGICAL NON-STANDARD MAKE-TO-ORDER (MTO) MEDICAL KITS

Requirement Explanation: This requirement entails the fulfillment of specific MTO Kits. The requirement involves the procurement of medical and non-medical components and the assembly of these components into customized, medical/surgical non-standard packs and kits. An example of an MTO Kit could include medical and non-medical material and equipment, such as bandages, instruments, pharmaceuticals, splints, needles, portable bags, chests, etc. Completed MTO Kits are then shipped worldwide.

PL #: 20140032 (MTO) & 20100006 (M&D)

Transaction ID: NA



COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED
An Independent Federal Agency



Expanded Scope: This requirement is being expanded to:

1. Include the ability to source and fulfill any medical/surgical, personal protective equipment, cleaning-related, or other public safety product deemed necessary by the requiring government agency; and
2. May or may not entail the kitting of multiple different products as an inherent part of the requirement

Managing Central Nonprofit Agency/Prime Contractor: National Industries for the Blind (NIB)

Procedure for Use: Requirement should be sent to NIB (Jon Katz, jkatz@nib.org, 703-310-0349), who will in turn select an AbilityOne nonprofit agency to perform the work. All AbilityOne nonprofit agencies in good standing are eligible for assignment whether affiliated with NIB or SourceAmerica. Should any product included in the requirement received from a government agency be a product currently on the AbilityOne PL, that product must be sourced from the AbilityOne producing nonprofit agency, unless delivery cannot be met in the timeframe needed.

MANUFACTURING AND DEVELOPMENT (M&D) ASSISTANCE

Requirement Explanation: This requirement involves the development and prototyping of garments and equipment for the U.S. Army. Garments and equipment are designed, manufactured, tested, re-designed, and re-tested for eventual sustainment procurement by the Army Contracting Command or Defense Logistics Agency. Examples of M&D requirements include military clothing, repurposed Kevlar vests, and sleeping bags.

Expanded Scope: This requirement is being expanded to include the development, manufacturing and supply of medical and emergency clothing, Personal Protective Equipment (examples include but are not limited to face masks, shields, eyewear, gowns, caps, coveralls, scrubs, protective outer-garments, etc.) and other public safety-related supplies as required by federal agencies.

Managing Central Nonprofit Agency/Prime Contractor: SourceAmerica

Procedure for Use: Requirement should be sent to SourceAmerica (Jill Johnson, jilljohnson@sourceamerica.org, 703-584-3943), who will in turn select an AbilityOne nonprofit agency to perform the work. All AbilityOne nonprofit agencies in good standing are eligible for assignment whether affiliated with NIB or SourceAmerica.

The change to the Procurement List is effective as of the date of this Notice.

For questions, please contact covid19@abilityone.gov or 800-999-5963.



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