



U.S. Army Contracting Agency



2004 DoD PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FL

Small Business Initiatives/Preferred Sources: “JAVITS-WAGNER-O’DAY PROGRAM”

Breakout Sessions
(1:30-3:00pm) & (3:30-5:00pm)
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Presenter

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People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled



Discussion Areas:

- Purpose and Legal Basis of Program
- Focus of the Program
- JWOD Transformation- People, Policy, and Processes
- Summary



➤ **Purpose and Legal Basis of Program**

- 1938 Wagner-O'Day Act passed
- 1971 Senator Jacob Javits championed amendment to the Wagner–O’Day Act - JWOD Act – 41 U.S.C. 46-48 (c)
- Purpose: To promote Federal Government purchases of products and services from nonprofit agencies that employ people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.



➤ Regulations

- Committee Regulation 41 CFR Ch 51
- FAR Subpart 8.002 a.1. (iv) Priorities for Use of Government Supply Sources.
- FAR Subpart 8.7 -- Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled



➤ **Committee and Key Responsibilities:**

- President appoints 15 Members: 11 Government Agency representatives and 4 private citizens
- Procurement List Approval and approval of the negotiated fair market prices; approval JWOD Funding fee
- Ensure that nonprofit agencies comply with Committee rules and Regulations
- Assist Federal Government Organizations in expanding their JWOD procurement; and
- Designate one or more central nonprofit agencies (NPAs) to represent the local NPAs serving people who are blind or severely disabled.



➤ Focus of the Program

- Considered a Socio-Economic Program
- Provides employment opportunities for over 42,000 Americans who are Blind or have severe disabilities
- Non profit Agencies (NPAs) employ these individuals
- Purchases of JWOD Products and services by Federal customers help reduce the 70% unemployment rate



➤ **JWOD Process and Structure:**

Two Designated Central Nonprofit Agencies:

- National Industries for the Blind (NIB) (4 Regions), which has been designated to represent nonprofit agencies serving people who are blind; or
- NISH, (6 Regional Offices) which has been designated to represent JWOD participating nonprofit agencies serving people with severe disabilities other than blindness.
- Role: assist NPAs in executing contracts



➤ **JWOD Strategic Plan – Transformation of Program**

- Enterprise Architecture Project – Some significant areas reviewed, not all included below:
 - People- Conducting wage and demographic study
 - Policy- Partnerships
 - SBA and 8 (a)
 - Randolph Sheppard Act
 - Subcontract opportunities
 - JWOD NPAs subcontract a significant dollar amount with Small Businesses
 - Processes-
 - Implementing better defined regulatory process
 - Committee's voting process – Streamlining the process
 - Voting protocols- Committee Members
 - Direct communication with the Contracting Communities



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Questions/Comments

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