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SUBJECT: Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program Event at The Pentagon, October 18, 2006

The Department of Defense (DoD) is hosting a Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program event at The Pentagon Concourse, October 18, 2006, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, in support of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Department is committed to the JWOD Program and employs thousands of workers who are blind or have other severe disabilities on DoD contracts. These workers are able to earn paychecks and contribute to The DoD mission by providing goods and services at fair market prices. The event at The Pentagon is an opportunity for DoD employees to renew their understanding of the JWOD Program to further increase the procurement opportunities of JWOD sources for satisfying their procurement needs.

Each year the President of the United States asks all Americans to recognize the achievements of workers with disabilities and to help create greater employment opportunities for this underutilized labor pool. The JWOD Program currently employs nearly 48,000 Americans who are blind or have other severe disabilities, enabling them to lead more productive and independent lives. The Program is administered by an independent Federal agency, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, in partnership with two national nonprofit organizations, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH - Creating Employment Opportunities for People with Severe Disabilities. NIB and NISH assist over 600 community-based non-

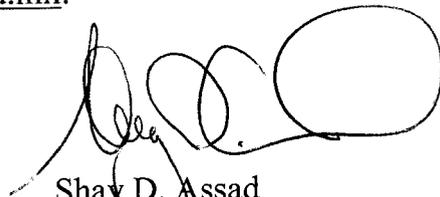


nonprofit agencies across the nation in their efforts to employ people with severe disabilities on Federal contracts under the JWOD Program.

Today, Americans with disabilities provide vital support services for our military such as grounds maintenance, custodial services, laundry operations, digital imaging, and award winning food services at base installation dining facilities. The JWOD Program also provides a large variety of products including military unique items such as chemical protective suits, uniforms and first aid kits, as well as a wide range of office supplies. With the ability for prime contractors to receive credit towards small business subcontracting goals by utilizing JWOD resources, it is important that we promote JWOD supplies and services as mutually beneficial actions. For more information about JWOD supplies or distributors, visit the JWOD Program's website at <http://www.jwod.gov> or call Stephanie Lesko of the Committee staff at (703) 603-2146.

The Department sponsored recognition event on October 18th is an opportunity for JWOD nonprofit agencies to introduce employees to the products and services they provide. There will be numerous exhibits on display from both NIB and NISH firms, and members of the Committee staff will be available to answer questions. The displays will have sample products as well as promotional materials to increase awareness of, and appreciation for, the ways in which JWOD nonprofit agencies support the Department in meeting mission needs and providing base operations support. We encourage the acquisition workforce within the National Capital Region to stop by and visit the displays and become familiar with the goals of the JWOD Program.

Your support of the JWOD Program and workers is extremely important to the Department and vital to this community. Please share this memorandum with your acquisition and requirements workforce, and join me from 9:00 am-11:00 am, October 18th on The Pentagon Concourse to tour the exhibits and talk with the nonprofit agencies and Committee members. My staff point of contact for this event is Ms. Susan Pollack at (703) 697-8336 or susan.pollack@osd.mil.



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