



Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD)

**Presented by the
Committee for Purchase From People
Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled,
NIB & NISH**





Introduction

Purpose

- Create Jobs for People Who Are Blind or Have Other Severe Disabilities
 - ◆ *17 Million+ Americans Have Severe Disabilities*
 - ◆ *Unemployment Above 70% for This Population*

Method

- Federal Agencies Buy Supplies & Services
Furnished by Nonprofit Agencies
Employing Such Individuals



What Are The Benefits?

- **To Persons Who Are Blind or Have Severe Disabilities**
 - Job Skills/Work Experience
 - Stable Employment/Income

- **To Government**
 - Quality Products/Services
 - Fair Market Prices
 - Less Paperwork
 - Additional Tax Revenues

- **To Taxpayer**
 - Reduction in Disability Benefit Payments



Members of the JWOD Team

- **Federal Personnel**

- **Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled**

- **Central Nonprofit Agencies**
 - **National Industries for the Blind**
 - **NISH**

- **State and Local Nonprofit Agencies**

JWOD Capabilities

Products

- Office Supplies
- Cleaning Products
- Paints, Chemicals
- Medical/Surgical
- Textiles
- Agency-specific

*JWOD Paper Products Meet
the Recycled Content
Guidelines of Executive Order
13101*

Services

- Administrative
- Grounds Maintenance
- Janitorial Service
- Mailroom/Mailing
- Switchboard Ops
- Warehousing/Distrib.
- Food Service
- Laundry Services
- And Much More!



CURRENT USDA JWOD CONTRACTS

PRODUCTS:

- **Vegetable Oil**
- **Bakery Mix**
- **Survey Stakes**
- **Fire Equipment (hoses, packs, etc.)**

SERVICES:

- **Janitorial/Custodial**
- **Grounds Maintenance**
- **CD Duplication/Printing**
- **Central Facility Management**
- **Mailing Services**
- **Administrative Services**



How Do I Review the JWOD Procurement List?

Via the Internet: www.jwod.gov

- Download Procurement List**
- Use Search Engine**

Print Catalogs: JWOD; Distributors

Specific Information or New Project?

- Call Appropriate NIB/NISH Office**
- Contact the Committee Staff**



How Do I Buy JWOD Items?

It's Easy!

- You can buy JWOD products:
 - ◆ *By Phone or Fax*
 - ◆ *By Internet*
 - ◆ *From Authorized Commercial Distributors*
 - ◆ *At Military Base Supply Centers or SERVMART*
- Next-Day Delivery Available for Office Supplies
- Product & Ordering Info in Print Catalogs or
On-line at: **www.jwod.gov**



“How JWOD Works”

- **Committee**
 - Adds product/services to Procurement List
 - Sets & adjusts fair market prices for such items
 - Monitors agencies’ compliance with JWOD requirements
 - *Federal and Nonprofit*

- **NIB and NISH Associated Nonprofit Agencies**
 - Employ people with disabilities to furnish supplies and services on the Procurement List

- **Federal Agencies**
 - Purchase these supplies and services to meet their needs

Procurement Reform Implications

Is JWOD Still Mandatory?

- ➔ YES . . . there Are **No Waivers** to the requirement to buy JWOD Program supplies and services.

- ➔ This Requirement Applies at Any Dollar Amount, regardless of the payment method.
 - ◆ *No Exemptions for Micropurchases, Simplified*
 - ◆ *Acquisition Purchases, or “Off-the-Shelf” Purchases.*



How Can You Support JWOD?

- ◆ Government credit cardholders – can and should buy JWOD supplies
- ◆ Suggest new product or service opportunities to NIB/NISH
- ◆ Attend NIB and NISH conferences – get involved!
- ◆ Spread the word to co-workers



Need More Information?

Acquisition Points of Contact:

→ Committee Staff

Eric Beale, (703) 603-7743, ebeale@jwod.gov

→ National Industries for the Blind (NIB)

Customer Service, (800) 433-2304, cservice@nib.org

→ NISH (serving a wide range of disabilities)

Fillmore Tellez, (703) 207-7586, ftellez@nish.org



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

“The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker”

Helen Keller