

January 30, 2006

Committee for Purchase From
People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
1421 Jefferson Davis Highway
Jefferson Plaza Suite 10800
Arlington, VA 22202-3529
Attn: Stephanie Hillmon, Assistant General Counsel

Dear Ms. Hillmon:

The International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS) is writing to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (The Committee) to voice our concern regarding the nature of the dialogue on sub-minimum wage issues discussed during the recent hearings in Dallas and San Francisco. Based on reports we have received, we believe that you may have received some misleading and possibly inaccurate information. Since this topic was not specifically part of the information published for comment, we respectfully request that you limit the anticipated rule making to the issues of NPA Governance and Executive Compensation. At a future time if the Committee wishes to consider the issue of commensurate wages paid to JWOD Program direct labor workers, IAJVS would gladly provide accurate data to help you evaluate the impact on the employment of people with severe disabilities.

Sincerely,

Genie Cohen
Executive Director
International Association of Jewish Vocational Services