

of No Significant Impact would be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with a circulation in the project area.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in the RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

Dated: October 17, 2005.

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## ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Hearings

**AGENCY:** Antitrust Modernization Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Antitrust Modernization Commission will hold public hearings on November 8 and November 17, 2005. The topics of the hearings are Antitrust and the New Economy, and Merger Enforcement.

**DATES:** November 8, 2005, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. November 17, 2005, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Interested members of the public may attend. Registration is not required.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Trade Commission, Conference Center, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of these hearings is for the Antitrust Modernization Commission to take testimony and receive evidence regarding Antitrust and the New Economy, and Merger Enforcement. The hearing on Antitrust and the New Economy will consist of two panels, and will be held on November 8, 2005. The first panel will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. The second panel will begin at 12:45 p.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. The hearing on

Merger Enforcement will consist of three panels, and will be held on November 17, 2005. The first panel will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. The second panel will begin at 12:45 p.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. The third panel will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. Materials relating to the hearings, including lists of witnesses and the prepared statements of the witnesses, will be made available on the Commission's Web site ([www.amc.gov](http://www.amc.gov)) in advance of the hearings.

Interested members of the public may submit written testimony on the subject of the hearing in the form of comments, pursuant to the Commission's request for comments. See 70 FR 28902 (May 19, 2005). Members of the public will not be provided with an opportunity to make oral remarks at the hearings.

The AMC is holding this hearing pursuant to its authorizing statute. Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-273, § 11057(a), 116 Stat. 1758, 1858.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

By direction of the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

**Andrew J. Heimert,**

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions and Deletion

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a product previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email [SKennerly@jwod.gov](mailto:SKennerly@jwod.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Additions

On August 19, and August 26, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 48667, and 50299) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Stamp 2000 Plus and Accustamp 7520-00-419-5949 & 7529-01-324-6955:

Comments were received from 21 persons in support of the nonprofit agency, urging addition of these products to the Procurement List, as they consider the addition to be critical to the nonprofit agency's plan to expand services for people with disabilities. The Committee agrees with these commenters that this addition will create jobs for such people.

Comments were also received from one of the current contractors for these stamps. The commenter claimed that the stamps the nonprofit agency will be providing under the Committee's program are made in China, as opposed to the stamps the commenter assembles in the U.S. from components made in Japan and China, and that the Committee should not permit its program to displace U.S. products with Chinese products. The commenter claimed that it has been a Government supplier of the stamps for over 30 years, and has become reliant on these sales, which constitute a small minority of its total sales. The same contractor claimed the nonprofit agency's stamps are inferior to its own. The commenter asked the Committee to consider whether it could create more jobs by having workers with disabilities package the commenter's stamps rather than those it intends to produce.

Contrary to the commenter's claims, the nonprofit agency will be using its employees with severe disabilities to assemble and package the stamps in the U.S. from components made in Austria, which is a designated country under the Trade Agreements Act, 19 U.S.C. 2501 *et seq.* Like the workers they may displace, the persons with severe disabilities who will produce the stamps are U.S. workers, but with an unemployment rate which is well above other groups, so the Committee believes that creating jobs for them, which is the mission of the Committee's program, is justified in this situation.

The commenter, which claimed a long-term reliance on Government sales of these stamps, failed to provide the Committee with total sales data which would enable the Committee to assess the severity of impact of this Procurement List addition, despite being cautioned that the Committee