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ADDRESSEES: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
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RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT : Notice of Vendor on List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and
Non-procurement Programs

CONTENT : The purpose of this memorandum is to advise State Vocational
Rehabilitation (VR) agencies and other relevant entities as to the
procurement status of Maxi-Aids, a private distributor of specialty products
primarily for use by blind and visually impaired persons.

Recently, a district court found Maxi-Aids to be in violation of copyright and
trademark laws as well as to have conducted deceptive and unfair business
practices. As a result, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs placed Maxi-
Aids on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-
procurement Programs. This list can be found at <http://www.arnet.gov/epl/>.

The purpose of this notice is to alert the above-referenced VR agencies and
other entities that they cannot do business with Maxi-Aids as a contractor or
subcontractor if the contract or subcontract is greater than or equal to
\$100,000. While transactions below this amount are not prohibited,

entities should carefully monitor any relationship entered into with Maxi-Aids below \$100,000 to ensure that Maxi-Aids carries out its obligations under the terms of the transaction.

You may contact Mr. Joe Cordova, Director of the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired of RSA for further information regarding this matter at (202) 205-9902.

CITATION : 34 CFR 74.13 and 85.110

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Commissioner, RSA