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Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act Priority Source Program

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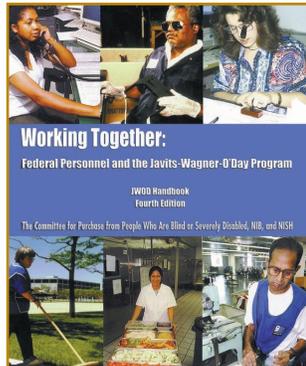
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The Fourth Edition of the JWOD Handbook “Working Together: Federal Personnel and the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program” is now available for distribution in both print and electronic formats. The Handbook provides information on the history and mission of the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program, including a description of the duties and responsibilities of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, the Federal agency that administers the Program, and National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH (serving people with a range of disabilities), the two Central Nonprofit Agencies which act as liaisons between the Committee and JWOD-participating nonprofit agencies across the country. This helpful guide explains how new JWOD products and services are identified, developed and set aside under the JWOD Program, and briefs Federal employees on their role in the “JWOD Process.” The last section of the JWOD Handbook provides answers to many frequently asked questions relevant to Federal purchase card holders and acquisition professionals.



Get your copy of the new JWOD Handbook today! Contact Annmarie Hart of the Committee staff at (703) 603-0174 or via email at ahart@jwod.gov. Multiple copies are available for acquisition professional training sessions.

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JWOD PATIENT ESCORTS — HEALTH & SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY

Patient health and well-being is the number one priority at any hospital. But the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham, NC, is not just your average hospital. For the past 5 years at the Center, 21 JWOD employees from Durham Exchange Club Industries, a NISH affiliated agency, have provided patient escort services throughout the entire hospital, 24 hours a day. This multi-talented workforce does everything from safely transporting patients within the hospital to various appointments in different clinics, to transferring blood, plasma, and other specimens directly to the lab for immediate analysis. They even assist with the transfer of expired patients to the morgue. Clearly, this job requires a great deal of responsibility and independence on the workers’ behalf, and the JWOD employees perform their patient escort duties with the utmost professionalism.



A JWOD employee from Durham Exchange Club Industries escorts a patient to his next appointment in the hospital.

The JWOD patient escorts at Durham VA Medical Center (DVAMC) work with doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in all units, including Critical Care, Emergency, X-ray, and Outpatient Care. Due to the excellent training they receive as escorts, several employees have had the opportunity to move into competitive jobs as urinalysis collectors, rehabilitation counselors, and radiation technicians. In fact, one employee has even become the operation technician supply cleaner at Duke University Hospital, a job that involves sterilizing all equipment before surgery. Talk about responsibility! But the patient escorts at DVAMC are no strangers to hard work and dedication. Last year, during the area’s biggest snowstorm, they were the only staff that stayed overnight in order to service the hospital 24 hours. As a result of their exemplary performance, the patient escorts were honored by the Medical Director for going “beyond the normal call of duty” to provide uninterrupted health care to patients in a time of crisis.

The JWOD Program was designed to create employment opportunities for people with disabilities. NISH is one of the non-profit agencies that coordinates the daily activities of the Program, including technical, contract, and marketing assistance. NISH and the JWOD Program are available to work with you and get the job done.

CLEAN, DEPENDABLE, AND AT YOUR SERVICE

It's no secret that hospitals generate tons of laundry, whether it's sheets, blankets, towels, or medical gowns. That's why a laundry service that not only sanitizes linens for health purposes, but can get the job done quickly and on time, is absolutely critical to a hospital's daily operations. Since 1991, 37 employees at the Louise W. Eggleston Center in Norfolk, VA, an agency associated with NISH and the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program, have provided the Portsmouth VA Naval Hospital with just that - reliable, efficient laundry service.

The Portsmouth Naval Hospital requires a 24-hour turn-around on all of their laundry, which means the hardworking JWOD employees at the Louise Eggleston Center must process 10,000 pounds of laundry per day on Mondays and Tuesdays, their busiest days. In addition to quick deadlines, the Navy expects the finest quality from their laundry service,

and the Eggleston Center always delivers! The facility even has a "continuous batch" laundry system, a more sophisticated, hi-tech system that consists of several modules connected together that pass the laundry along in an assembly line fashion. This impressive setup allows laundry to be cleaned 24 hours a day, and minimizes worker injury since it eliminates the strenuous lifting that is required to transfer heavy loads from washer to dryer. And that's really important when you process 5 million pounds of laundry per year like the Eggleston Center!

The Louise Eggleston Center is just one of the many facilities that provide laundry services throughout the country. For more information on laundry services that NISH provides in your area, please contact the region that serves your state via email at the following address:

E-mail Address

eservices@nish.org

sservices@nish.org

scservices@nish.org

ncservices@nish.org

nwservices@nish.org

wservices@nish.org

States Served

CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH
NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC,
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IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, OH, WI

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AR, CA, HI, NV, UT, Guam, American
Samoa, Trust Territories

The JWOD Program—Your Source for a Dedicated Workforce!

JWOD PROGRAM SIGNS HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program sealed its partnerships with the U.S. Department of Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency with the signing of a historic environmental Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on August 10, 2000. The goals of the MOA are to maximize Federal agency purchases of environmentally preferable products and services, including the procurement of such items from the JWOD Program, a mandatory source of supply for the Government. The agreement also enhances environmental initiatives the JWOD Program implemented in response to Executive Order 13101: Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition.

Whenever Federal customers purchase from the JWOD Program, a mandatory source of supplies and services for Federal agencies, they help create stable employment and training for people who are blind or severely disabled. When they purchase JWOD environmental products and services, they are also meeting Federal environmental mandates as spelled out in the Executive Order, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (Section 6002) of 1976, and the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990. Currently all JWOD office paper products meet requirements for recycled content. Additionally, the Program is looking to add more environmentally responsible products and services to its Procurement List to meet customer demand.

National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH (serving people with a range of disabilities) are two national nonprofit

organizations that are part of the JWOD Program. The Presidentially-appointed Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, an independent Federal agency, administers the Program. The leadership of these organizations also signed the agreement pledging to take steps to help educate more than 600 NIB- and NISH- associated nonprofit organizations about Federal environmental initiatives. Meanwhile, as part of its commitment to the MOA, the U.S. Department of Interior will develop training guidance that will demonstrate how JWOD-participating nonprofit agencies can "green" custodial and grounds maintenance services offered to Federal customers. The EPA will develop similar environmental guidance, designed to help nonprofit agencies that furnish products to the Government, to identify products and materials that will enhance the "green appeal" of their offerings.

To learn more about purchasing JWOD "green" products and services, contact Joan Smith, of the Committee staff, at (703) 603-0664 or email at jsmith@jwod.gov.



FIREFIGHTER'S HEADLAMP — NSN: 6230-01-38-1399



Red electric HeadLamp for firefighter's helmets.

Helmet mounted batteries.

Rubber headstrap. Battery pack that holds 4 AA batteries.

Battery pack attached to the headstrap at the rear of the head.



Two employees of a NISH Community Rehabilitation Program are attaching reflectors and plastic covers to the HeadLamp.