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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
DIRECTOR, ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY

SUBJECT: Contracting with National Industries for the Blind

The purpose of this memorandum is to bring to your attention a new opportunity for acquiring certain SKILCRAFT Services from the National Industries for the Blind (NIB), which serves to increase employment prospects for people who are blind.

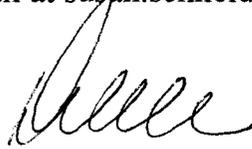
For some time NIB services have been available for procurement through the policies and procedures for implementing the Javits-Wagner-O' Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) ("the JWOD Act,") and the rules of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (41 CFR Chapter 51), as implemented in Subpart 8.7 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The rules require the Government to purchase supplies or services on the Procurement List, at prices established by the committee, from JWOD participating nonprofit agencies if they are available within the period required.

NIB is now offering SKILCRAFT Services for Information Technology, Logistics, Office Imaging, and Document Management on a commercial basis through the GSA Multiple Award Schedules Program. Acquisition of SKILLCRAFT Services under the GSA schedule is derived from both Title III of the Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U. S. C. 251, et seq.) and Title 40 U.S.C., Public Buildings, Property and Works, as implemented in Subpart 8.4 of the FAR. Under the GSA Multiple Award Schedule (#GS-00F-0032P), comparable services are established with more than one



supplier, at varying prices. While acquiring SKILCRAFT Services under this schedule is not mandatory, the schedule offers a competitive and time sensitive solution to meet the needs of federal customers.

If you have any questions regarding the Department's policies or procedures for doing business with the National Industries for the Blind, please contact Ms. Susan Schneider at (703) 614-4840, or via e-mail at susan.schneider@osd.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deidre A. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

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