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Government Invitations for Bids

Aviation Supply Office, 700 Robbins Ave., Phila., 11, Pa., requests bids on 24,962 gals. STRIPING PAINT as follows: BLACK, Spec. MIL-P-2856 (52-P-36). GREEN, Spec. MIL-P-2854 (52-P-37). RED, Spec. MIL-P-2934 (52-P-31). YELLOW, Spec. MIL-P-2853 (52-P-30). Delivery in 90 days to 16 stations on Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts and Great Lakes. This procurement will be awarded to a small business concern—fewer than 500 employees—submitting lowest bid. The Government will furnish the Chrome Green Pigment and Whiting required to produce the paint. Government materials will be shipped from Norfolk, Va. or Mare Island, Calif. Transportation costs will be considered in evaluation of bids. Bid No. JD-B-54,551, opening Aug. 31, 1953.

General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Region 3, 7th & D Sts., S.W., Wash. 25, D. C. requests bids on: 1228 gals. EXTERIOR PAINT. Spec. TT-P-102. 394 gals. RUBBER BASE PAINT FOR CONCRETE FLOORS. Spec. TT-P-91a. 174 gals. SYNTHETIC PAINT PRIMER. Spec. TT-P-636. 125 gals. IRON OXIDE PAINT. Spec. TT-P-31b. 84 gals. FLOOR AND DECK ENAMEL. Spec. TT-E-487. Delivery in 20 calendar days to Franconia, Va. Bid No. 3G-33189, opening Aug. 12, 1953. 1150 gals. FLOOR AND DECK ENAMEL. Spec. TT-E-487. Delivery in 25 calendar days to Franconia, Va. Bid No. 3G-33675, opening Aug. 18, 1953.

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Capsule Assortment of News Items

IMPORT INVESTIGATION: The United States Tariff Commission is investigating the domestic lead and zinc industries. Hearings will be held November 3 concerning lead, and November 5 for zinc. The Commission will submit to the Senate Finance and the House Ways and Means Committees its findings on the effect of present tariff rates for imported lead and zinc on the domestic lead and zinc industries. The Association will be represented at the hearings.

TRAFFIC: The Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the railroads to continue, until December 31, 1955, the 15 percent rate increase granted in April 1952. This increase was scheduled to expire February 28, 1954. The carriers requested it be made permanent.

LEAD-BASE PAINTS: The New York City Board of Health is considering adoption of a regulation to require a warning label on any paint product sold in New York City containing lead pigment or dryer. Your Association discussed this regulation with the New York Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, the Lead Industries Association and other interested groups. Objection to this regulation has been entered by your Association with the Commissioner of Health. A hearing has been requested. We contend this regulation is unnecessary, unjustified, and places an undue burden on members of our industry who distribute their products in New York City.

FTC FLOOR WAX MEETING: The Federal Trade Commission has called a meeting of the Floor Wax Industry Committee for September 15 to give further consideration to the proposed trade practice rules for that industry. The proposed rules exempt paints, varnishes and lacquers in their provisions. An Association representative testified at the FTC hearing on this subject, April 16, requesting revision of the wording to make certain that shellac varnishes are included in the exemption, and your Association will again be represented at the September 15th meeting.

The Association has contended there is no need for the proposed trade practice rules because of the small number of complaints of unfair practices and the proven ability of the floor wax industry to maintain high standards of business ethics. This contention and other objections presented by the industry at the April 16 hearing will be discussed at the September 15 meeting.

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