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# AbilityOne Program Overview

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# Overview: Mission

## **Mission**

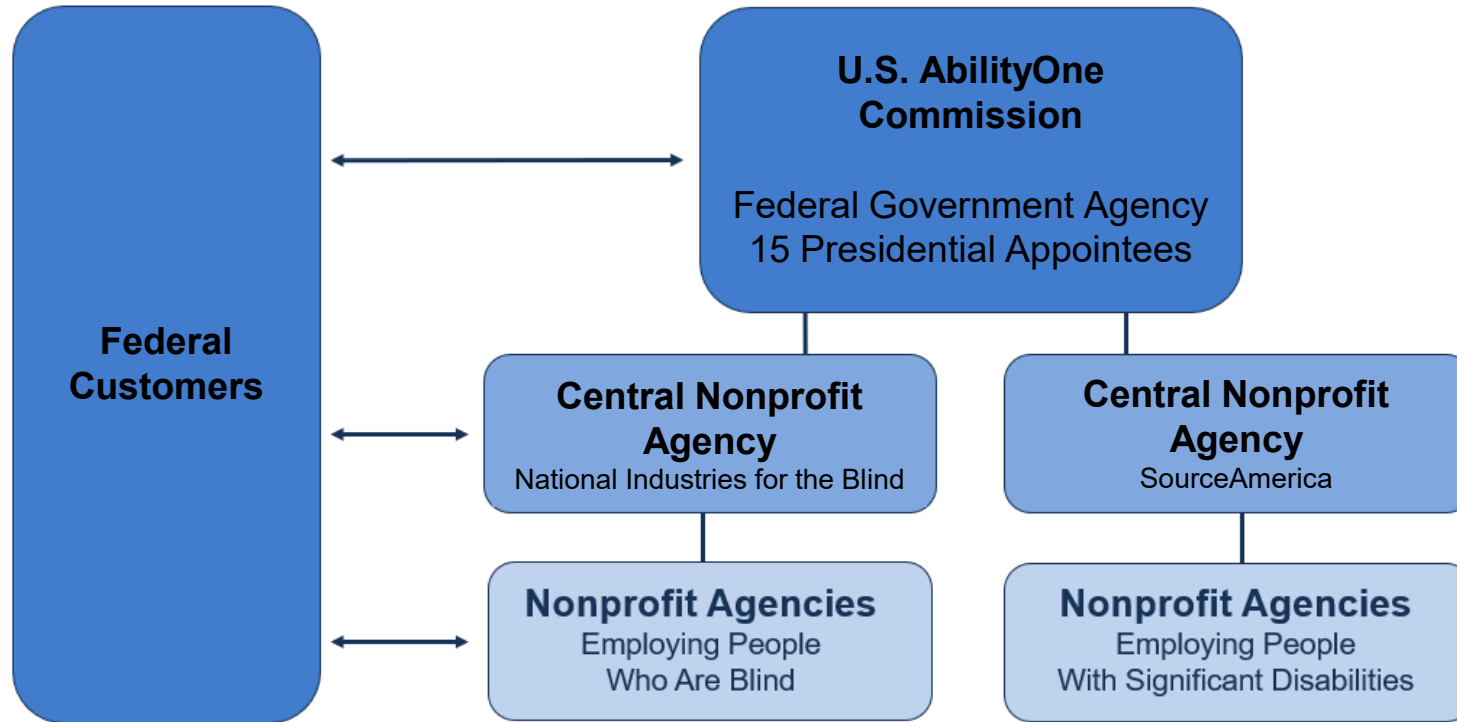
To tap into America's underutilized workforce of individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities to deliver high-quality, mission-essential products and services to Federal agencies in quality employment opportunities.



# Overview: Basics

- The AbilityOne Program is administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission
- The U.S. AbilityOne Commission is the operating name for the independent Federal agency: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
- Assisted by two Central Nonprofit Agencies (CNAs): National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and SourceAmerica
- In accordance with Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (JWOD)
- CNAs oversee nonprofit agencies (NPA) that provide the products and services

# Overview: Structure

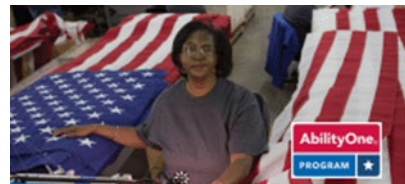


# Overview: Presidential Appointees

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- **Labor: Jennifer Sheehy**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability Employment Policy
- **Navy: Robert Hogue**, Acting Assistant Secretary (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
- **Veterans Affairs: Angela Billups**, Executive Director, Office of Acquisition and Logistics

# Why use AbilityOne?

- Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506
  - Establishes JWOD Program and designates committee as an independent Federal agency
- 41 CFR Chapter 15
  - Implements AbilityOne Program
- FAR Subpart 8.7
  - Acquisition from nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or severely disabled





# Why use AbilityOne?

## **FAR 8.002: Priorities for use of mandatory Government source**

Agencies shall satisfy requirements for supplies and services from or through the mandatory Government sources and publications listed below in descending order of priority:

- **Supplies**

- Inventories of the requiring agency
- Excess from other agencies
- Federal Prison Industries, Inc.
- **Supplies on the AbilityOne Program Procurement List**
- Wholesale supply sources, such as stock programs of the General Services Administration (GSA), the Defense Logistics Agency, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and military inventory control points.

- **Services**

- **Services on the AbilityOne Program Procurement List**
- Sources other than those listed: unusual and compelling urgency

\* The statutory obligation for Agencies to satisfy their requirements for supplies or service available from the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled also applies when contractors purchase the supplies or services for Government use.

# Why use AbilityOne?

- Over 18 million working-age adults are blind or have significant disabilities, nearly 70 percent of this population is not employed
- The AbilityOne Program serves people who may otherwise have difficulty obtaining or maintaining employment
- The AbilityOne Program is one of the largest sources in the U.S. for people who are blind or have significant disabilities

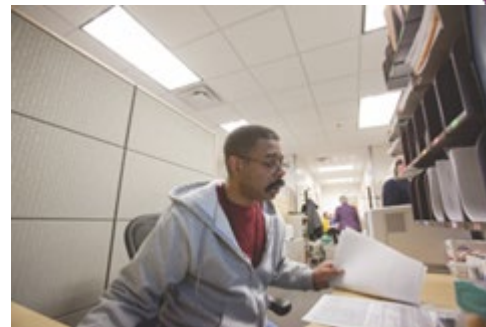


# Why use AbilityOne? Impact

- 2020 Memorandum by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) encouraged agencies to reprioritize spend
- Submit annual pledge to AbilityOne Representative (ABOR) Program
- Increase spend to 1.5 percent of total obligated funds by FY22
- If met, an estimated 50,000 jobs created

# Benefits: Overall

- Allows individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities an opportunity to gain and keep meaningful employment and lead more independent lives
- Assist with meeting Agency pledge to AbilityOne Program
- Innovative solutions and new products and services



# Benefits to the Customer

- On-time delivery of high-quality products available through a variety of distributors
- Fair market prices, best value procurement
- National network of solution providers
- Long-term relationships
- Satisfaction in helping people help themselves



# Benefits to the Employee

- Wide range of employment opportunities
- Long-term work experience
- Marketable job skills
- Equitable wages and benefits, plus a chance to advance
- A measure of independence



# AbilityOne Program Product and Service Offering



# Products and Services

- Chemical Supplies
- Cleaning Products
- Clocks
- Clothing
- Computer Accessories
- Disposable Paper Products
- Furniture
- Kitchen and Break Room Supplies
- Mattresses and Bedding
- Medical Supplies
- Military/Combat Clothing
- Office Supplies
- Paint and Accessories
- Personal Care and Safety
- Picture Frames
- Safety and Maintenance Items
- Shipping and Packaging Supplies
- Writing Instruments



# Ordering Guide

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# Questions

# Thank you!

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