



**U.S. AbilityOne Commission
2015 Chairperson's Award for Leadership
Nomination Form: NIB Agencies**

(Applications due by July 31, 2015)

Eligibility

All CEOs of authorized nonprofit agencies that participated in the AbilityOne[®] Program during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, are eligible to be nominated.

Evaluation Criteria

All nominees will be evaluated and rated based on the following criteria:

1. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding leadership in fulfilling all statutory, regulatory and policy/procedural requirements of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission[®] (Commission) for nonprofit agencies to obtain and maintain qualification to participate in the AbilityOne Program.
2. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding leadership in delivering and disseminating progressive practices related to employment and a quality work environment for employees who are blind or who have significant disabilities.
3. In particular, CEOs should demonstrate commitment to the Commission's guiding principles, such as:
 - a. Offer all employees minimum wage or better.
 - b. Offer fringe benefits similar to or better than comparable industry.
 - c. Providing training, career ladders and upward mobility opportunities.
 - d. Demonstrate a culture of inclusion.
 - e. Support a wide range of employment settings including community-based, supported and/or self employment.
4. Candidates must demonstrate business acumen that results in performance excellence, customer satisfaction and accordingly, increased employment opportunities for people who are blind or who have significant disabilities.
5. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding leadership at the national level to advance the mission of the AbilityOne Program. The Commission may consider

a CEO's accomplishments related to relationship building, and developing or implementing innovative accommodations to enhance employment opportunities.

NOTE: Nomination submissions (including additional recommendations) **must be received via electronic mail in an accessible file format** (i.e., Word, or ACCESSIBLE Adobe PDF, etc.).

Persons submitting nominations must complete the following form and address each of the evaluation criteria with examples of accomplishments cited whenever possible. An Award Selection Committee comprised of Commission staff members will assist the Chairperson in reviewing all nominations and reaching a decision by September 2015. The award(s) will be presented in October 2015.

Send this nomination form with all attachments electronically to Stephanie Lesko via email at slesko@abilityone.gov or awards@abilityone.gov.



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PART I. NOMINEE

Name and Title:

Phone:

E-mail:

Agency Name and Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

PART II. NOMINATOR

Name and Title:

Phone:

E-mail:

Organization Name and Address:

PART III. NARRATIVE

In the space provided below, please provide a description of how the nominee meets the selection criteria for this award. Cite examples of accomplishments whenever possible. Please limit the narrative to 700 words.