



## **President Biden Selects Commission Chairperson Jeffrey A. Koses for 2022 Presidential Rank Award**

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 17, 2022 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission is proud to recognize its Chairperson, Jeffrey A. Koses, as one of the [winners](#) of the [2022 Presidential Rank Awards](#), one of the most prestigious honors in the Federal career civil service.

Koses earned an award for "sustained extraordinary accomplishment" in the Distinguished Executive category.

Koses, the General Services Administration (GSA) representative to the Commission, was elected to lead the agency in 2021, after serving for several months as Acting Chairperson. He was appointed to the Commission in 2019.

The Senior Procurement Executive for GSA, Koses is recognized as an innovative leader in the field of acquisition. He serves as a voting member of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council. From 2008 through 2014, he was Director of Acquisition Operations within the Federal Acquisition Service, where he led several Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives; created GSA's premier vehicle for integrated professional services, OASIS; managed 25 multiple award schedules with annual sales of over \$22 billion; supported emergency acquisition; and oversaw acquisition for GSA Global Supply. He previously directed GSA's Office of Contract Management.

Under his leadership as Chairperson, the Commission has taken major steps to modernize the AbilityOne Program, recently publishing a final [rule](#) that prohibits payment of subminimum wages on AbilityOne contracts, and issuing the agency's [Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026](#).

### **About the U.S. AbilityOne Commission**

The AbilityOne Program is administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, the operating name of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled. The Commission is an independent Federal agency composed of 15 Presidential appointees: 11 represent Federal agencies, and four serve as private citizens who are knowledgeable about employment barriers facing people who are blind or have significant disabilities.

### **About the AbilityOne Program**

The AbilityOne Program facilitates the use of government procurement to provide employment in the United States for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. Approximately 40,000 individuals, including more than 2,500 veterans, are employed nationwide at approximately 450 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2021.

