



U.S. AbilityOne Commission Issues Compliance Policy 51.407 and Procedure 51.407-01 Governing “Qualification Assessments and Enforcement Actions”

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 11, 2024 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission today issued [Compliance Policy 51.407](#), “Qualification Assessments and Enforcement Actions,” and its associated [Procedure 51.407-01](#), which together continue the Commission’s modernization of AbilityOne Program compliance in accordance with the agency’s [Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026](#).

This policy describes the rules and procedures governing nonprofit agency (NPA) qualification assessments overseen by the Commission and conducted by the Commission or the Central Nonprofit Agencies (CNAs).

The policy also describes the administrative status and/or enforcement actions that may be prescribed by the Commission if NPAs are found out of compliance with AbilityOne Program requirements.

This action finalizes draft versions of Policy 51.407 and Procedure 51.407-01 that the Commission [issued](#) for public feedback on June 7, 2024. Issuing such drafts is part of the wide-ranging stakeholder engagement the Commission has conducted, both within and beyond the AbilityOne Program, while modernizing compliance with the Program. The final policy and procedure reflect changes made in response to comments received.

The effective date of both policy and procedure is January 1, 2025. The Commission will continue its dialogue with Program stakeholders as this policy is implemented.

Establishing clear requirements for compliance with the Program is essential for modernization of the Program and for good governance. Policy 51.407, together with the six compliance policies the Commission revised and published in FY 2024, establishes the necessary framework for an effective Program that provides good jobs for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.



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 37,000 individuals, including more than 2,500 veterans, are employed nationwide at more than 420 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided more than \$4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2023.

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