



# U.S. ABILITYONE COMMISSION

Policy 51.207  
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## TITLE: DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS (D&F)

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### 1. PURPOSE.

Prescribe the policies and procedures for the use of Determinations and Findings (D&F)

### 2. APPLICABILITY.

This policy is applicable to the U.S. AbilityOne Commission and its staff in execution of Procurement List (PL) actions.

### 3. AUTHORITY.

- (a) 41 U.S.C. Chapter 8501 - 8506, Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act
- (b) 41 CFR Chapter 51, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
- (c) SVL – 12-03, Establishment of Determinations and Findings Policy, issued 1/11/2012
- (d) Reference: Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 1.7, Determinations and Findings

### 4. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS.

Term	Definition
<b>Determinations and Findings (D&amp;F)</b>	A special form of written approval by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission for PL actions that is required by statute or regulation.
<b>Determination</b>	A conclusion or decision supported by findings, as part of a D&F.
<b>Findings</b>	Statements of fact or rationale essential to support the determination and must cover each requirement of the statute or regulation, as part of a D&F.
<b>Class D&amp;F</b>	Provides authority for a class of PL actions.
<b>Individual D&amp;F</b>	Provides authority for a single PL action.
<b>Procurement List (PL)</b>	A list of products and services which the Commission has determined to be suitable to be furnished to the Government by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or who have other severe disabilities pursuant to the JWOD Act and 41 CFR Chapter 51, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- (a) The Chairperson is responsible for this policy and all updates.
- (b) The Executive Director shall ensure that individual actions taken under the authority of a Class D&F are within the scope of the Class D&F.
- (c) The Staff is responsible for ensuring that this policy is executed as prescribed and that business practices and their execution conform to Commission guidance.
- (d) The Deputy Executive Director is responsible for this policy in the absence of the Executive Director. As such, the Deputy Executive Director will also administer and advise the Chairperson and the Commission on this policy and its execution.
- (e) The General Counsel is responsible for ensuring that all actions taken under the authority of this policy and Commission guidance are legally sufficient.

The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled operates as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission

