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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Increasing Contracting Opportunities with the AbilityOne Program

In concert with the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing (DPAPSS), I urge all contracting officials to make a personal commitment to consider, when appropriate, the AbilityOne Program in fulfilling procurement needs. The attached DPAPSS memorandum provides ways for the acquisition workforce to improve doing business with this worthwhile Program.

Additionally, I encourage you to take advantage of DPAPSS' commitment recognition program to express appreciation to individuals in the acquisition workforce who demonstrate concrete support of the AbilityOne Program. This support may be a contract award to an AbilityOne Program nonprofit agency or an effort to increase contracting opportunities for the AbilityOne Program. For specific implementation guidance for the recognition program, please see the DPAPSS website located at [http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/abilityone\\_program.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/abilityone_program.html).

DOD's increase in contract awards to the AbilityOne Program has the direct and positive result of increasing job opportunities for individuals who are blind or have other severe disabilities including our service-disabled veterans who have transitioned to the AbilityOne Program. DPAPSS has requested copies of any policy, guidance, and directive memoranda issued to improve business opportunities with the AbilityOne Program. Copies should be submitted directly to Ms. Susan Pollack via [Susan.Pollack@osd.mil](mailto:Susan.Pollack@osd.mil) with a copy to [RDAPolicy@navy.mil](mailto:RDAPolicy@navy.mil). If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Ms. Susan Pollack at (703) 697-8336.

  
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