

Strategic Acquisition Center

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Overview

- Contracting Officer
- Office of Acquisition Operations,
Strategic Acquisition Center (SAC)
- AbilityOne Contract Management



Acquisitions and Contractual Authority Disclaimer:

- Acquisitions and contractual commitments can only be made by Government officials having expressed authority to enter into such agreements on behalf of the United States Government. The only Government officials with such authority are Warranted Contracting Officials. Any discussions of procurement requirements do not constitute contractual direction or authorization of any kind. Future contractual directions, if any, shall only come from the cognizant Department of Veterans Affairs Warranted Contracting Officer.



AbilityOne Program Overview

- The AbilityOne Program provides employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the manufacturing and delivery of products and services to the Federal Government.
- The program started in 1938 as the Wagner-O'Day Act to create employment for people who are blind.
- The program was amended in 1971 to include people with significant disabilities and became known as the Javits- Wagner-O'Day Act (JWOD Act). The program was called the JWOD Program.
- In 2006 the program was renamed the AbilityOne® Program to better communicate the program mission.
- AbilityOne is the single largest employer of people who are blind or have significant disabilities (more than 47,000 employed in FY 2015).

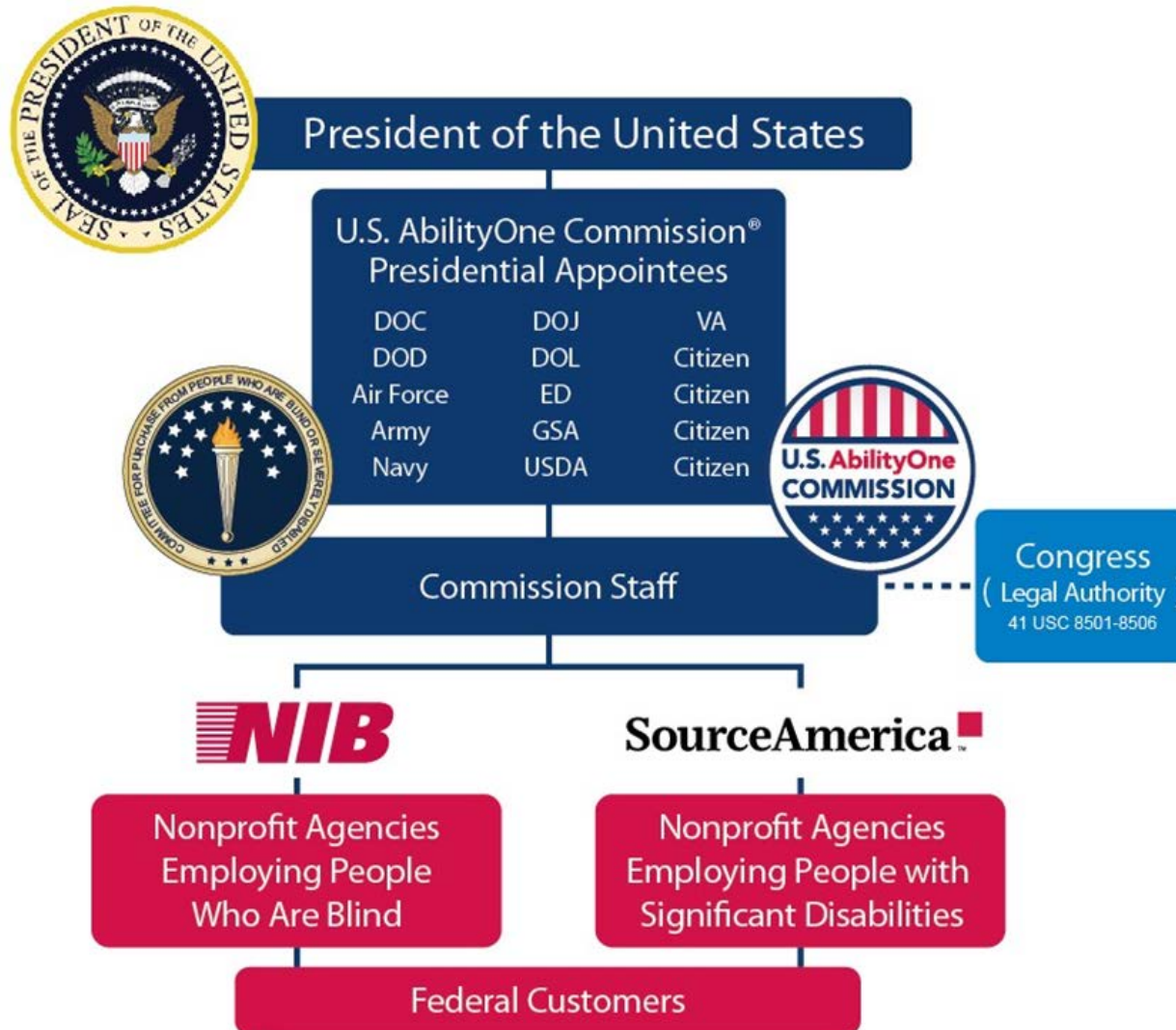


AbilityOne Program Overview

- Products and Services offered under the AbilityOne Program are listed on the Federal Procurement List (PL)
- The list is maintained by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission and can be found at www.abilityone.gov
- The Veterans First Contracting Program final rule does not affect AbilityOne's order of priority in relation to the Veterans First Contracting Program. Therefore, all items currently on the AbilityOne Procurement List as of January 7, 2010, will continue to take priority over the contracting preferences mandated by P.L. 109-461.



AbilityOne Program Structure





AbilityOne Products

- A snapshot of product categories the VA purchases and uses:
 - Office Products
 - Janitorial and Sanitation
 - Medical (Exam & Surgeon Gloves, Stethoscope, Patient Pajamas, Disposable Cotton Tip Applicators, Examination Paper, Urine Collection Bags, Catheters)
 - Services (Custodial & Grounds Maintenance, Administrative)



My Role in Managing the AbilityOne Program for the VA

- Compliance: are we purchasing products on the PL
- BOA: establishing BOA's for AbilityOne Products
- Pricing: review all requests regarding pricing
- Communicate with National Industries for the Blind and SourceAmerica to resolve issues and/or process any special requests



Q&A

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Questions?