



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Support for the AbilityOne Program

1. AMC is committed to the AbilityOne Program. I ask that each of you endorse and find creative ways to expand involvement in the AbilityOne Program. Contracting efforts under this program will continue to benefit Americans with severe disabilities and will provide the U.S. Army Materiel Command with quality products and services. It is through your leadership and personal commitment that we will successfully increase our involvement.
2. The AbilityOne Program (formerly the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program) is a federal initiative that provides employment opportunities for thousands of Americans who are blind or have other severe disabilities. Nearly 43,000 individuals work in more than 600 participating community-based nonprofit organizations nationwide and provide a wide array of quality goods and services to the federal government.
3. On 27 August 2008, Mr. Shay D. Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, issued the enclosed memorandum encouraging defense agencies to provide support for the program and challenging acquisition personnel to further increase their use of AbilityOne sources. Today, Americans with disabilities, who include many of our heroic Warfighters, provide a large variety of products to DoD agencies, including chemical protective suits, uniforms, first aid kits, office supplies and services.
4. The HQ AMC point of contact for this action is Ms. Nancy D. Small, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, 256-450-9034 or DSN 320-9034, email: [nancy.d.small@us.army.mil](mailto:nancy.d.small@us.army.mil).

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