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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBSISTENCE PRIME VENDORS

SUBJECT: AbilityOne Suppliers On Subsistence Prime Vendor Contracts

As the Commander of DLA Troop Support, I am calling upon you to support the ABILITYONE program not only because it is a requirement in your contract based on a federal statute, but because it has my personal commitment and frankly it is the right thing to do.

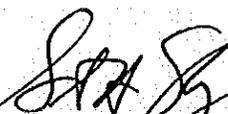
Currently there are five community-based, nonprofit agencies from Source America (formerly NISH) identified in your contract as the mandatory source for various spices, roll mixes, coffee, nuts and non-fat-dry milk. There are also two agencies from NIB identified as mandatory sources for certain food service operating supplies. In the near future, we expect to add a NIB agency as a mandatory source for certain rice items.

The orders you submit to AbilityOne generate many positives to a deserving segment of the population. A real plus for those of us in the Department of Defense is the Wounded Warrior programs active at a number of the AbilityOne agencies including one operated by CDS Unistel which is the mandatory source for various spices.

Unfortunately, it appears that these mandatory sources are not getting all the business that they should be receiving.

In support of this effort, I simply ask two things. First, comply with your contract. Second, please communicate any suggestions on how to improve our mutual support for AbilityOne.

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