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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: National Disability Employment Awareness Month and the AbilityOne Program

The attached Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy memorandum of September 30, 2011 is forwarded for your information. It reminds the DoD acquisition community that October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This year's NDEAM theme, "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities," honors the contributions of a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today's global economy. NDEAM is an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate the AbilityOne Program, which is the largest single source of employment for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities in the United States. President Obama's Proclamation 8726 of October 3, 2011 (http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-10-07/pdf/2011-26146.pdf) urges us all to embrace the talents and skills that individuals with disabilities bring to the workplace. I encourage you to spread the word widely about the benefits of the AbilityOne Program and to rededicate yourselves to improving employment opportunities in both the public and private sectors for those living with disabilities. My point of contact is Ms. Gabrielle Trickett, gabrielle.trickett@navy.mil, 703-614-9641.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE)
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Each October the President of the United States asks all Americans to recognize the achievements of workers with disabilities and to help create greater employment opportunities and career paths for people with disabilities. This year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme, "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities," honors the contributions of a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today's global economy. NDEAM is an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate the AbilityOne Program, which is the largest single source of employment in the United States for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. Today, more than 3,300 wounded veterans are part of the AbilityOne Program's 47,000 workforce that is employed at more than 600 community-based non-profit agencies across the country.

The Department of Defense proudly continues to be the largest customer of the AbilityOne Program, procuring more than $1.6 billion of goods and services for the defense mission in Fiscal Year 2010. This past year, my office and the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, the Federal agency which administers the AbilityOne Program, recognized the procurement professionals identified in the attached who demonstrated a commitment in action to increasing business with AbilityOne. I congratulate these award recipients for a job well done, and express appreciation to our workforce for their dedication to, and steadfast support of, the AbilityOne Program. My staff point of contact for AbilityOne procurement policy is Ms. Susan Pollack, 703-697-8336, susan.pollack@osd.mil.

Richard Ginman
Director, Defense Procurement
and Acquisition Policy

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Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce Members Recognized in Fiscal Year 2011

Awards Presented by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission:

Thomas Bouchard, Army Contracting Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground (Soldier, Chemical, Research & Test) – Recipient of the 2011 E.R. "Dick" Alley Career Achievement Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission and recognizes Federal employees who have provided extraordinary achievement and sustained effort to create AbilityOne employment and training opportunities on Federal contracts for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.

Rear Admiral Mark Heinrich, SC, USN; Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps – Recipient of the 2011 Osborne A. "Oz" Day AbilityOne Awareness Award. This award recognizes a Federal employee for extraordinary efforts in advocating and promoting the AbilityOne Program.

Pamela Munoz; Director, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, USA MICC, Contracting Directorate – Recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Contributions Award.

Vicki Taft; Chief, Base Support Flight, 72 CONS/PKA; Tinker Air Force Base – Recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Contributions Award.

Susan Pollack; Senior Procurement Analyst, OUSD (AT&L)/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy – Recipient of the 2011 Most Valuable Liaison Award.

AbilityOne Commitment in Action Awards Presented by the Department of Defense and the U.S. AbilityOne Commission at the DOD Procurement Conference and Training Symposium, May 11, 2011:

Scott Svabek, Colonel, U.S. Army Medical Command

Benjamin Walker, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron

David Brown, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron

Mary Whitley, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron

Porter Smith, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron

Diane Hulett, Defense Finance and Accounting Services

Eric Miller, Defense Finance and Accounting Services

Gerald Lane, Defense Finance and Accounting Services

Brett Joseph, Defense Logistics Agency

Lisa Flite, Defense Logistics Agency

Theresa Rucci, Defense Logistics Agency

Edward Stolle, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk

David Borne, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk

Patricia Monroe, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk

Robert Wade, Washington Headquarters Service

AbilityOne Commitment in Action Awards Presented by the Department of Defense and the U.S. AbilityOne Commission at the DOD Senior Contracting Leader Off-Site, December 8, 2010:

Roger Westermeyer, Colonel, USAF, Director of Contracting, Ogden Air Logistics Center

Sandra Kim, Chief, Contracting Division Omega, USA Regional Contracting Office-Hawaii

Derrick McGee, Contracting Division Omega, USA Regional Contracting Office-Hawaii

Mary Adediran, Defense Commissary Agency

Charita Branscomb, Defense Commissary Agency

Linda Brown, Defense Commissary Agency

Michele Burk, Defense Commissary Agency

Ronald Conrad, Defense Commissary Agency

Jill Craft, Defense Commissary Agency

Patrick DeWyngaert, Defense Commissary Agency

Kathy Hawthorne, Defense Commissary Agency

Audrey Holmes-Fisher, Defense Commissary Agency

Carla Milot, Defense Commissary Agency

Scott Moorehead, Defense Commissary Agency

Sebrina Owens, Defense Commissary Agency

Betty Perkinson, Defense Commissary Agency

Michael Pigram, Defense Commissary Agency

Pamela Tyler, Defense Commissary Agency

Margaret Prince, Defense Commissary Agency

Ginna Thomas, Defense Commissary Agency

Denise Williams, Defense Commissary Agency

Darlene Kunde, Deputy Director, Regional Contracting Department, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Bonnie Adams, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Karen Donald, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Venita Harmon, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Vickie Morgan, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Melissa Rivera, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Donna Sneed, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Mattie Washington, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Rebecca Washington, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

Annie Williams, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville

James Currier, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Greg Finke, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Carolyn Johnson, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Nick Kulakowski, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Rhonda Nielsen, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Jennifer Patton, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Cathy Purvis, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk

Jacki Armes, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Joel Asher, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Gerald Bowne, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Joseph Caltagirone, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Brian Excell, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Erin Kilrain, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Kathleen Lockhart, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

James O'Sullivan, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Michael Placido, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Jaime Slattery, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia

Virginia Dashiell, Acting Director, Regional Contracting Department, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound

Spencer Butherus, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound

Jane "Lucy" Leu, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound

Danny Lewis, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound

Marcia Cruz, Deputy Director, Regional Contracts Department, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego

Anthony Bagnani, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego

Gabriel Ho, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego

George Tegart, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego

Awards presented by National Industries for the Blind (NIB) at the 2011 NIB)/National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind (NAEPB) Opportunity Forum Conference, June 23, 2011:

Mark Thompson, Chief, Supply Policy, U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB; Recipient of the Base Supply Center Partner in Excellence Awards

Shawna McGowan, LtCol, U.S. Air Force, Chief, Airman clothing and individual equipment, Air Staff, Arlington, Virginia; Recipient of the Base Supply Center Partner in Excellence Award

Al Diaz, NEXCOM; Recipient of the Business Development Partner in Excellence Award

Bob King, Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution; Recipient of the Business Development Partner in Excellence Award

Terri Scheetz, Chief, Equipment/Tent Division, DLA Troop Support; Recipient of the Textiles and Niche Partner in Excellence Award

AbilityOne Procurement Champions Recognized by NISH:
Vicky Williams, Air National Guard, October 2010 Champion

Lawrence Duran, United States Air Force Academy, November 2010 Champion

Ken Tritsch, United States Air Force, December 2010 Champion

Darlene Kunde, Navy Fleet Industrial Supply Center, January 2011 Champion

Suzanne Edgar, Joint Base – McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst, February 2011 Champion

Colonel Searle, Joint Base – McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst, February 2011 Champion

Edwonia Gates, United States Army, February 2011 Champion

Cynthia Nevin, Defense Logistics Agency, Land & Maritime, March 2011 Champion

Deborah Ault, United States Army, March 2011 Champion

Rosalind McFadden, United States Army, April 2011 Champion

Michelle Millay, United States Army, April 2011 Champion

Buzz Soltis, United States Army, April 2011 Champion

Laura Johnson, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, April 2011 Champion

LCDR Kreg Everleth, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, April 2011 Champion

Eric Miller, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, May 2011 Champion

Gerald Lane, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, May 2011 Champion

Eric Spychaliski, United States Air Force, May 2011 Champion

Stephen Abate, United States Army, June 2011 Champion

Peter McDonald, United States Army, June 2011 Champion

Time Byrnes, Army Mission & Installation Contracting Command, September 2011 Champion