



**POLICY FLASH 2008-34**

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**TO:** Procurement Directors

**FROM:** Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61  
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

**SUBJECT:** AbilityOne Program

On February 19, 2008, President Bush signed the Presidential Memorandum reminding federal acquisition executives, purchase cardholders, and other procurement officials to utilize the AbilityOne program, formerly known as the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. The memorandum may be accessed at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/02/20080211.html#>

AbilityOne is a federal initiative that generates jobs and training opportunities for disabled Americans. The program encourages the government to use its buying power to acquire products and services provided by nonprofit agencies that employ disabled workers. See FAR Subpart 8.7 - Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled maintains the Procurement List of all supplies and services required to be purchased from AbilityOne participating nonprofit agencies. The Procurement List may be accessed at: <http://www.jwod.gov/procurementlist>. Many items on the Procurement List are identified in the General Services Administration (GSA) Supply Catalog and GSA's Customer Service Center Catalogs and in similar catalogs issued by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). GSA, DLA, and VA are central supply agencies from which other Federal agencies are required to purchase certain supply items on the Procurement List.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Fischetti". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "M" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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