



AbilityOne Program Buyer's Guide

What is the AbilityOne Program?

- The AbilityOne Program is a unique federal procurement program that generates employment and training opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.
 - The AbilityOne Program is a required source of supply (FAR 8.7 and 41 U.S.C. 46-48c).
- The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled is an independent federal agency responsible for administering the AbilityOne Program. National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH (serving people with a wide range of disabilities) assist participating nonprofit agencies with contract, marketing and other technical assistance

What Products and Services Are Available?

- Products include office and general supplies; cleaners, hardware, paints and other industrial items; clothing and textiles; medical/surgical items and more.
- Services include administrative services (temporary or full-time), janitorial/custodial, grounds maintenance, switchboard or mailroom operation, warehousing and distribution, food services, laundry services and much more. For details, visit www.abilityone.gov or, visit www.abilityonecatalog.com for the AbilityOne general catalog.

How Do I Buy AbilityOne Products and Services?

There are many methods and sources for purchasing AbilityOne Program supplies.

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| ➤ GSA Global Supply | www.GSAGlobalsupply.gsa.gov |
| ➤ GSA Advantage | www.gsaadvantage.gov |
| ➤ DoD E-MALL | www.emall.dla.mil |
| ➤ Base Supply Centers | www.abilityone.gov/jwod/about_us/BaseSupplyCenters.pdf |
| ➤ Authorized Commercial Distributors | www.abilityone.gov/distributors |
| ➤ Jwod.com | www.jwod.com |

AbilityOne Services are handled on a location-specific basis with each contracting office or customer. Please contact the [Committee](#) staff, [NIB](#) or [NISH](#) or visit the web sites below for more information about service capabilities.

Are There Exceptions to Use AbilityOne as a Required Source of Supply?

No. Procurement reform measures support AbilityOne, and there are no exceptions to the requirement to buy AbilityOne. Neither “micropurchasing” authority nor the use of Government credit cards waives, supersedes or bypasses the AbilityOne requirement.

Who Do I Contact for More Information?

- Committee staff: (703) 603-2119, fax (703) 603-0300 or web site www.abilityone.gov
- National Industries for the Blind (NIB): (703) 310-0050, fax (703) 998-8268 or web site www.nib.org
- NISH: (703) 560-6800, fax (703) 849-8916 or web site www.nish.org

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