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This Bulletin is issued to notify REE employees of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program name change.

Please be advised that the name of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program has been changed to the **AbilityOne Program**. The purpose of the name change is to give a stronger, unified identity to the program and to show a connection between the program name and the abilities of those who are blind or have other severe disabilities. The final rule was published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2006, by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled. The effective date of the name change was also November 27, 2006.

The JWOD acronym will be used for at least 18 months in order to allow all program stakeholders who are familiar with the JWOD name to recognize and transfer their support to the new program name. The transition period will enable participating organizations to deplete business materials that contain the JWOD name and to begin using the new name voluntarily when they refresh their materials as part of the normal supply cycle.

This is a name change only and does not alter the statutory requirement for Government agencies to satisfy their requirements for supplies or services from the AbilityOne Program in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 8.

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