

Award History

The E.R. "Dick" Alley Career Achievement Award was established in 1998 in honor and recognition of Dick Alley who



provided more than 25 years of dedicated service to the AbilityOne® Program as the Deputy

Executive Director of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission™, the operating name for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the Commission and is intended to recognize individuals who have provided extraordinary achievement and sustained effort in utilizing the Federal procurement system to create AbilityOne employment and training opportunities for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. One award may be given annually to one Federal employee.

Previous Recipients

1999

Paul Denett
Department of Interior

2006

Dennis Dudek
Department of Defense

2000

Stephen Arginteanu
General Services
Administration

2007

Cynthia Maltby
Office of Management
and Budget

2001

Donna Hutchens
General Services
Administration

2008

Peggy Thames
Department of Veterans
Affairs

2002

Richard Holcombe
Department of
Agriculture

2009

Shay Assad
Department of Defense

2003

Mark Lumer
Department of the Army

2010

Michael McCall
Department of Defense

2004

James Edwards
Department of the Army

2011

Thomas Bouchard
Department of the Army

2005

Linda Wright
Department of the Navy



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AbilityOne E.R. "Dick" Alley Career Achievement Award

Call for Nominations

Nomination Deadline:
April 4, 2012





U.S. AbilityOne Commission

The U.S. AbilityOne Commission™ is the operating name for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, an independent Federal agency which administers the AbilityOne® Program. The Commission determines which products and services purchased by the Federal Government must be procured from AbilityOne-participating nonprofit agencies, and establishes the fair market prices for these products and services. The Commission is comprised of 15 Presidential appointees, with 11 representing Federal agencies, and four serving as private citizens who are knowledgeable about the obstacles to employment of people who are blind or have severe disabilities.



Providing employment opportunities to more than 50,000 people, the **AbilityOne Program** is the largest single source of employment for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities in the United States. More than 600 participating nonprofit agencies provide employment opportunities by providing quality goods and services to the Federal Government.

The AbilityOne Program is administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, with assistance from National Industries for the Blind and NISH, two national nonprofit organizations.

In assisting the Federal Government in expanding its AbilityOne procurement, the Commission has designated more than 500 authorized distributors.

Submission Requirements for the E.R. “Dick” Alley Career Achievement Award

Eligibility

All Federal Government employees.*

Evaluation Criteria

- Consistent, dedicated service in the form of specific actions which have materially advanced the employment of people who are blind or have other significant disabilities through the AbilityOne Program over a substantial number of years.
- Demonstrates a high degree of personal integrity, as well as exceptional knowledge and understanding of the AbilityOne Program.
- Establishes/maintains cooperative relationships with members of the AbilityOne team (Commission, NIB, NISH, nonprofit agencies, and Federal customers).

Nomination applications can be found at www.abilityone.gov.

Send nomination with all attachments electronically in an accessible format to Stephanie Lesko via email at slesko@abilityone.gov or awards@abilityone.gov, by April 4, 2012.

**Commission staff is ineligible*

Across the Federal Government, strong supporters and advocates of the AbilityOne Program, and its employees who are blind or have other significant disabilities, work tirelessly to award contracts, purchase products and services, and educate co-workers about the value of the AbilityOne Program.

These Federal personnel are committed to the program and are worthy of distinction.

Celebrate and recognize their achievements by nominating them for the program’s highest honor - the E.R. “Dick” Alley Career Achievement Award.



*2011 Recipient Thomas Bouchard,
Deputy Chief, Natick Contracting Division,
Army Contracting Command - Aberdeen Proving Grounds,
with former Chairperson Andrew D. Houghton*