



U.S. ABILITYONE COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVES

FROM: Thomas D. Robinson, Chairperson

SUBJECT: AbilityOne Contingency Support Operations and Communications (CSOC) Team and COVID-19 National Emergency Guidance

1. The U.S. AbilityOne Commission (Commission), which administers the AbilityOne Program, has established the subject team to assist with COVID-19 Contingency Support Operations.
2. Contracting activities are encouraged to consider AbilityOne nonprofit agencies – members of the Defense Industrial Base Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce – to meet COVID-19 response and recovery requirements. A list of broad AbilityOne capabilities is attached.
3. Under the AbilityOne Program’s enabling legislation and FAR 8.7, products and services on the AbilityOne Procurement List (see www.abilityone.gov) are mandatory source items when available in the timeframe needed. The CSOC Team is closely monitoring inventory levels and will ensure that any purchase exceptions needed are promptly issued.
4. Contracting officers are not held to the notification required when changes to existing AbilityOne Procurement List specifications or descriptions are required to meet emergency needs. (See FAR 18.107 and FAR 8.712 (d)).
5. Contracting activities using authorities available to award contracts supporting the COVID-19 national emergency or recovery period may contract directly with AbilityOne Nonprofit Agencies for products and services that are not on the Procurement List, as well.
 - a. As such, new requirements awarded to AbilityOne nonprofit agencies supporting the national emergency or recovery period will not be placed on the Procurement List and ARE NOT subject to the mandatory requirements of the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act.
 - b. Contracting activities will not be obligated to participate in a subsequent Procurement List addition for those requirements.
6. Please refer all questions to the Commission’s CSOC Team at covid19@abilityone.gov or call Brian Hoey, (703) 593-4853, or John Konst (828) 408-2340. The CSOC will provide the latest capability and supply chain information for the AbilityOne Program.
7. Please encourage widest dissemination within your organization to ensure timely and consistent information is available for your agency and multi-agency COVID-19 efforts.

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Attachment

AbilityOne Program Capabilities to Supply or Support Critical Essential Requirements

Products

- Apparel and Textiles: Significant sewing capacity currently utilized for items such as Clothing, General-Purpose Smocks, and Non-medical Coveralls
- Essential Business Items such as Shipping Boxes and Toner Cartridges
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Masks, Gloves, Overalls, Gowns, and Hearing Protection
 - Ventilators, First Aid Kits, and Disposable Applicators
- Paper Products such as Paper Towels, Tissues, and Toilet Tissue
- Sterilization and Cleaning Supplies such as Disinfectant, Hand Soap, and Hand Sanitizer
- Tarps and Tents

Services

- Aseptic Cleaning - Healthcare Environmental Services
- Commissary Support Services (Stocking, Warehousing, and Custodial Services)
- Contact Center Services (also called Call Centers, Switchboards, or Teleservices)
- Contract Management Support
- Custodial Services including Pandemic / CDC cleaning
- Custom Kitting such as Construction Kits (Building Materials, Tools, and Equipment)
- Fabrication, 3D printing, Plastic Molding, and CNC Machining
- Food Services
- Laundry Services
- Logistics Support, Warehousing, Fulfillment, Assembly, Kitting
- Shipping and Mailing Services
- Supply Chain Management
- Total Facilities Management
- Transportation Services (to and from Hospitals, etc.) and Fleet Management

Many other products and services are available from AbilityOne Program sources. For assistance or questions, contact **800-999-5963** or covid19@abilityone.gov.
