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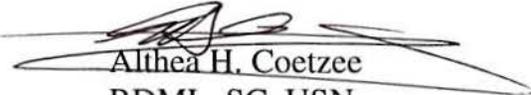
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: AbilityOne Base Supply Center Program

The attached Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) memorandum of July 26, 2013 is forwarded for your information and action, as appropriate. It reminds contracting officers of the availability of AbilityOne Base Supply Centers (BSCs) for office supplies, cleaning products, and general maintenance and repair items. The BSCs are added to the Commission's Procurement List as AbilityOne service projects in accordance with 41 CFR Chapter 51, and, as such, are authorized distribution sources for AbilityOne products and commercial (non-AbilityOne) products. Purchasing from BSCs has a direct and positive impact on the lives of thousands of individuals with disabilities. A complete listing of supply centers is posted online at http://www.abilityone.gov/distributors/base_supply.html.

Further details are provided within the memorandum. My point of contact is Ms. Gabrielle Trickett, who can be reached at gabrielle.trickett@navy.mil, or 703-614-9641.


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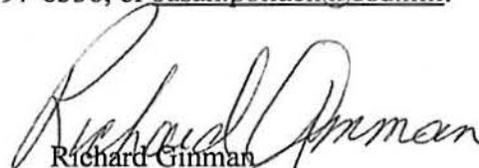
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: AbilityOne Base Supply Center Program

The Department of Defense has a long history of partnering with AbilityOne[®] and remains the largest customer of the Program, which generates employment for Americans who are blind or who have other significant disabilities to include wounded veterans and military dependents. As the AbilityOne Program celebrates its 75th anniversary, this is to remind the workforce of the opportunity to utilize the Base Supply Centers (BSCs) for office supplies, cleaning products, and general maintenance and repair items. The BSCs are added to the Commission's Procurement List as AbilityOne service projects in accordance with 41 CFR Chapter 51, and, as such, are authorized distribution sources for AbilityOne products and commercial (non-AbilityOne) products. Located on 148 military installations and in federal buildings nationwide, these BSCs employ over 300 people who are blind or who have significant disabilities in retail positions. Additionally, each purchase in a BSC by a DoD customer has a direct and positive impact on the thousands of individuals with disabilities who provide services and manufacture and ship AbilityOne products to the BSCs. A complete listing of the BSCs may be viewed at: http://www.abilityone.gov/distributors/base_supply.html.

Our continued partnership with AbilityOne will facilitate a viable and successful BSC Program. Questions concerning the above may be directed to my staff specialist for AbilityOne Program policy, Ms. Susan Pollack, at 703-697-8336, or susan.pollack@osd.mil.


Richard Ginman
Director, Defense Procurement
and Acquisition Policy