MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: National Disability Employment Awareness Month and the AbilityOne Program

The attached Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy memorandum of September 30, 2011 is forwarded for your information. It reminds the DoD acquisition community that October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This year’s NDEAM theme, “Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities,” honors the contributions of a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today’s global economy. NDEAM is an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate the AbilityOne Program, which is the largest single source of employment for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities in the United States. President Obama’s Proclamation 8726 of October 3, 2011 (http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-10-07/pdf/2011-26146.pdf) urges us all to embrace the talents and skills that individuals with disabilities bring to the workplace. I encourage you to spread the word widely about the benefits of the AbilityOne Program and to re dedicate yourselves to improving employment opportunities in both the public and private sectors for those living with disabilities. My point of contact is Ms. Gabrielle Trickett, gabrielle.trickett@navy.mil, 703-614-9641.

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Each October the President of the United States asks all Americans to recognize the achievements of workers with disabilities and to help create greater employment opportunities and career paths for people with disabilities. This year’s National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme, “Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities,” honors the contributions of a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today’s global economy. NDEAM is an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate the AbilityOne Program, which is the largest single source of employment in the United States for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. Today, more than 3,300 wounded veterans are part of the AbilityOne Program’s 47,000 workforce that is employed at more than 600 community-based non-profit agencies across the country.

The Department of Defense proudly continues to be the largest customer of the AbilityOne Program, procuring more than $1.6 billion of goods and services for the defense mission in Fiscal Year 2010. This past year, my office and the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, the Federal agency which administers the AbilityOne Program, recognized the procurement professionals identified in the attached who demonstrated a commitment in action to increasing business with AbilityOne. I congratulate these award recipients for a job well done, and express appreciation to our workforce for their dedication to, and steadfast support of, the AbilityOne Program. My staff point of contact for AbilityOne procurement policy is Ms. Susan Pollack, 703-697-8336, susan.pollack@osd.mil.

Richard Ginman
Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy

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Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce Members Recognized in Fiscal Year 2011

Awards Presented by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission:

Thomas Bouchard, Army Contracting Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground (Soldier, Chemical, Research & Test) – Recipient of the 2011 E.R. "Dick" Alley Career Achievement Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission and recognizes Federal employees who have provided extraordinary achievement and sustained effort to create AbilityOne employment and training opportunities on Federal contracts for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.

Rear Admiral Mark Heinrich, SC, USN; Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps – Recipient of the 2011 Osborne A. “Oz” Day AbilityOne Awareness Award. This award recognizes a Federal employee for extraordinary efforts in advocating and promoting the AbilityOne Program.

Pamela Munoz; Director, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, USA MICC, Contracting Directorate – Recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Contributions Award.

Vicki Taft; Chief, Base Support Flight, 72 CONS/PA; Tinker Air Force Base – Recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Contributions Award.

Susan Pollack; Senior Procurement Analyst, OUSD (AT&L)/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy – Recipient of the 2011 Most Valuable Liaison Award.

AbilityOne Commitment in Action Awards Presented by the Department of Defense and the U.S. AbilityOne Commission at the DOD Procurement Conference and Training Symposium, May 11, 2011:

Scott Svabek, Colonel, U.S. Army Medical Command
Benjamin Walker, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron
David Brown, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron
Mary Whitley, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron
Porter Smith, AETC, 82nd Contracting Squadron
Diane Hulett, Defense Finance and Accounting Services
Eric Miller, Defense Finance and Accounting Services
Gerald Lane, Defense Finance and Accounting Services
Brett Joseph, Defense Logistics Agency
Lisa Flite, Defense Logistics Agency
Theresa Rucci, Defense Logistics Agency
Edward Stolle, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk
David Borne, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk
Patricia Monroe, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk
Robert Wade, Washington Headquarters Service

*AbilityOne Commitment in Action Awards Presented by the Department of Defense and the U.S. AbilityOne Commission at the DOD Senior Contracting Leader Off-Site, December 8, 2010:*

Roger Westermeyer, Colonel, USAF, Director of Contracting, Ogden Air Logistics Center
Sandra Kim, Chief, Contracting Division Omega, USA Regional Contracting Office-Hawaii
Derrick McGee, Contracting Division Omega, USA Regional Contracting Office-Hawaii
Mary Adediran, Defense Commissary Agency
Charita Branscomb, Defense Commissary Agency
Linda Brown, Defense Commissary Agency
Michele Burk, Defense Commissary Agency
Ronald Conrad, Defense Commissary Agency
Jill Craft, Defense Commissary Agency
Patrick DeWyngaert, Defense Commissary Agency
Kathy Hawthorne, Defense Commissary Agency
Audrey Holmes-Fisher, Defense Commissary Agency
Carla Milot, Defense Commissary Agency
Scott Moorehead, Defense Commissary Agency
Sebrina Owens, Defense Commissary Agency
Betty Perkinson, Defense Commissary Agency
Michael Pigram, Defense Commissary Agency
Pamela Tyler, Defense Commissary Agency
Margaret Prince, Defense Commissary Agency
Ginna Thomas, Defense Commissary Agency
Denise Williams, Defense Commissary Agency
Darlene Kunde, Deputy Director, Regional Contracting Department, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Bonnie Adams, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Karen Donald, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Venita Harmon, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Vickie Morgan, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Melissa Rivera, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Donna Sneed, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Mattie Washington, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Rebecca Washington, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
Annie Williams, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Jacksonville
James Currier, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Grég Finke, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Carolyn Johnson, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Nick Kulakowski, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Rhonda Nielsen, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Jennifer Patton, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Cathy Purvis, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Norfolk
Jacki Armes, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Joel Asher, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Gerald Bowne, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Joseph Caltagirone, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Brian Excell, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Erin Kilrain, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Kathleen Lockhart, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
James O'Sullivan, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Michael Placido, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Jaime Slattery, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center – Philadelphia
Virginia Dashiell, Acting Director, Regional Contracting Department, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound
Spencer Buthers, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound
Jane “Lucy” Leu, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound
Danny Lewis, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - Puget Sound
Marcia Cruz, Deputy Director, Regional Contracts Department, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego
Anthony Bagnani, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego
Gabriel Ho, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego
George Tegart, Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego
Awards presented by National Industries for the Blind (NIB) at the 2011 NIB/National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind (NAEPB) Opportunity Forum Conference, June 23, 2011:

Mark Thompson, Chief, Supply Policy, U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB; Recipient of the Base Supply Center Partner in Excellence Award

Shawna McGowan, LtCol, U.S. Air Force, Chief, Airmen clothing and individual equipment, Air Staff, Arlington, Virginia; Recipient of the Base Supply Center Partner in Excellence Award

Al Diaz, NEXCOM; Recipient of the Business Development Partner in Excellence Award

Bob King, Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Distribution; Recipient of the Business Development Partner in Excellence Award

Terri Scheetz, Chief, Equipment/Tent Division, DLA Troop Support; Recipient of the Textiles and Niche Partner in Excellence Award

*AbilityOne Procurement Champions Recognized by NISH:*

Vicky Williams, Air National Guard, October 2010 Champion

Lawrence Duran, United States Air Force Academy, November 2010 Champion

Ken Tritsch, United States Air Force, December 2010 Champion

Darlene Kunde, Navy Fleet Industrial Supply Center, January 2011 Champion

Suzanne Edgar, Joint Base – McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst, February 2011 Champion

Colonel Searle, Joint Base – McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst, February 2011 Champion

Edwonia Gates, United States Army, February 2011 Champion


Deborah Ault, United States Army, March 2011 Champion

Rosalind McFadden, United States Army, April 2011 Champion

Michelle Milladen, United States Army, April 2011 Champion

Buzz Soltis, United States Army, April 2011 Champion

Laura Johnson, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, April 2011 Champion

LCDR Kreg Everleth, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, April 2011 Champion

Eric Miller, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, May 2011 Champion

Gerald Lane, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, May 2011 Champion

Eric Spychalski, United States Air Force, May 2011 Champion

Stephen Abate, United States Army, June 2011 Champion

Peter McDonald, United States Army, June 2011 Champion

Time Byrnes, Army Mission & Installation Contracting Command, September 2011 Champion