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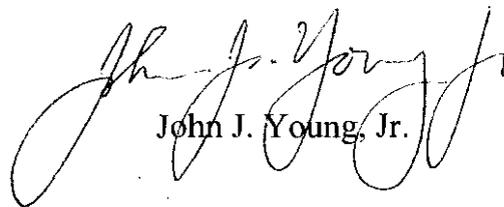
MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Support for the AbilityOne Program

The President issued the attached memorandum encouraging strong support for the AbilityOne Program that provides job opportunities on federal contracts for individuals who are blind or have other severe disabilities. As the largest customer of this program, the Department of Defense has a responsibility and a tremendous opportunity to increase support by procuring more goods and services provided by the AbilityOne Program. In FY 2007, the Department procured more than \$1.3 billion dollars in goods and services to include award-winning food services at base installation dining facilities, office supplies, grounds maintenance, laundry services, uniforms, digital imaging, and first aid kits that are issued to our Armed Forces deploying in theater operations. I challenge acquisition and procurement officials to further increase the use of the AbilityOne Program sources for satisfying procurement needs.

Your support of the AbilityOne Program and employees is extremely important to the Department and vital to this community. My point of contact for AbilityOne Program policy is Ms. Susan Pollack, at susan.pollack@osd.mil, 703-697-8336.

Sincerely,



John J. Young, Jr.

Attachment:
As stated.

