

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 independent Federal agency which administers AbilityOne.



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 is 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	2012 Col. Roger Westermeyer Department of the Air Force



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

Call for Nominations

Nomination Deadline:
March 15, 2013





U.S. AbilityOne Commission

The U.S. AbilityOne Commission™, 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 it establishes the fair market prices for these products and services, and subsequent revisions as appropriate. In assisting the Federal Government in expanding its AbilityOne procurement, the Commission has designated more than 400 authorized distributors. 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 45,000 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, an independent Federal agency, with assistance from National Industries for the Blind and NISH.

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 March 15, 2013.

**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 fellow 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.



2012 Recipient Col. Roger H. Westermeyer, Deputy Director, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, with Vice Chairperson James M. Kesteloot