



## Virtual Town Hall on April 14, 2022, for Advocacy Organizations to Discuss Commission Draft FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 4, 2022 – As part of its commitment to open engagement, the U.S. AbilityOne Commission will hold a virtual Town Hall for organizations that advocate for people with disabilities to discuss the Commission’s [Draft FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#).

The Town Hall will take place via Zoom on Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

The draft Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for accomplishing the Commission’s priorities over the next five years.

For the Town Hall, the Commission invites comments on the draft Strategic Plan, including the following Strategic Objectives:

1. Expand competitive integrated employment (CIE) for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.
2. Ensure effective governance across the AbilityOne Program.
3. Partner with Federal agencies and AbilityOne stakeholders to increase and improve employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.

On March 18, 2022, the Commission [posted](#) the draft Strategic Plan, identified by Docket ID No. CPPBSD-2022-0003, on the Federal eRulemaking Portal, at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). On the same day, the Commission also published a Federal Register [notice](#) opening a 30-day public comment and review period for the draft Strategic Plan.

The Commission strives to always provide accessible communications. However, upon request, the Commission will provide an appropriate accommodation to an individual with disabilities who needs assistance to review the public comments on the draft Strategic Plan. If you want to request assistance, please contact Shelly Hammond, Director of Contracting and Policy, by telephone at (571) 457-9468 or by email at [shammond@abilityone.gov](mailto:shammond@abilityone.gov).

The Commission welcomes comments submitted for and during its virtual Town Hall. **Please note that the Town Hall and its registration process are not substitutes for the Federal eRulemaking Portal, [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), where all comments about the draft Strategic Plan must be [submitted](#) by April 16, 2022, to be officially considered during the plan’s finalization.**



**Registration:** Attendees should register for the Town Hall not later than 11:59 p.m. ET on April 13, 2022. The registration link will be accessible on the Commission's home page, [www.abilityone.gov](http://www.abilityone.gov), not later than April 7, 2022. During registration, you may request speaking time at the meeting. If so, please indicate which of the Strategic Objectives you would like to address. You may also submit comments during registration. Comments submitted via the registration link will be reviewed with Commission members prior to the meeting.

The Commission may invite some attendees who request speaking time and/or submit advance comments to unmute and make remarks during the meeting. Comments posted in the Zoom chat box during the meeting will be shared with the Commission members after the meeting.

A reminder: Please do not include any personal information in your advance comments or in the meeting chat box that you do not want publicly disclosed.

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