



Kimberly M. Zeich Named U.S. AbilityOne Commission Executive Director

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 27, 2022 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission announced today that Kimberly M. Zeich has been named Executive Director following a nationwide search.

“It is a great pleasure to welcome Kim as the Commission’s new Executive Director,” said Commission Chairperson Jeffrey A. Koses. “Her deep knowledge of the AbilityOne Program, and her leadership and vision, will be critical as the Program continues on its path of modernization. Kim’s expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment to that effort will help ensure its success in the coming years.”

Zeich has also been selected as a member of the Federal Government’s Senior Executive Service.

Since August 2021, Zeich has led the Commission as Acting Executive Director, providing key leadership in crafting the [rule ending payment of subminimum wages on AbilityOne contracts](#); the Commission’s [Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026](#); and the agency’s input on the [fourth and final report](#) of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act Section 898 Panel on Department of Defense and AbilityOne Contracting Oversight, Accountability, and Integrity.

She has more than 25 years of Commission experience in a range of staff roles including Deputy Executive Director; Director, Program Operations; and Director, Business Development. She holds a master’s degree in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School at National Defense University; an MBA from the University of Maryland Global Campus; and graduated summa cum laude from the College of Journalism at the University of Maryland College Park. She is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute’s Leadership for a Democratic Society Program.

About the U.S. AbilityOne Commission

The AbilityOne Program is administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, the operating name of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled. The Commission is an independent Federal agency composed of 15 Presidential appointees: 11 represent Federal agencies, and four serve as private citizens who are knowledgeable about employment barriers facing people who are blind or have significant disabilities.

About the AbilityOne Program

The AbilityOne Program facilitates the use of government procurement to provide employment in the United States for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. Approximately 40,000 individuals, including more than 2,500 veterans, are employed nationwide at approximately 450 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2021.

