



U.S. AbilityOne Commission Inspector General Stefania Porter Departs, Carla Smith Appointed Acting Inspector General

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 30, 2025 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission bid farewell to Stefania Pozzi Porter, who has left the Inspector General position and is retiring. Carla Smith has been appointed Acting Inspector General, effective May 5, 2025.

The Commission appreciates Stefania’s years of public service and contributions to the Inspector General community, which plays a vital role in overseeing Federal agencies and fighting waste, fraud, and abuse. Stefania was named Commission Inspector General in October 2022. She oversaw the continued expansion of the Commission’s Office of Inspector General and fulfillment of its responsibilities at a time of modernization for the AbilityOne Program.

Carla joined the Office of Inspector General last year and served as Counsel to the Inspector General and Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. Her previous government service includes positions as an investigative counsel at the Legal Services Corporation, and Senior Counsel and Chief Investigator with the Federal Election Commission Office of Inspector General.

She holds a J.D. degree from Howard University School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers University. She is also a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Practitioner, and Certified Inspector General Investigator. Recognition she has received includes an award from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) for creating fraud awareness trainings and regulatory oversight procedures.

About the U.S. AbilityOne Commission

The U.S. AbilityOne Commission oversees the AbilityOne Program. The Commission is 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.



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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. More than 39,000 individuals, including more than 2,500 veterans and wounded warriors, are employed nationwide at 405 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided more than \$4.4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2024.

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