



President Biden Appoints Seven Federal Members to U.S. AbilityOne Commission

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 19, 2022 – President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has appointed the following individuals to the [U.S. AbilityOne Commission](#) as Federal members, effective October 18, 2022:

- Matthew R. Beebe, Department of Defense
- Angela Billups, Department of Veterans Affairs
- Megan Dake, Department of the Army
- Carol L. Dobak, Department of Education
- Robert D. Hogue, Department of the Navy
- Tara M. Jamison, Department of Justice
- Malcom A. Shorter, Department of Agriculture

On October 12, 2022, the President had [announced](#) his intent to appoint the new members.

“The Commission is honored to welcome these seven new Federal members,” said Commission Chairperson Jeffrey A. Koses. “Their contributions will be essential to continuing the modernization of the AbilityOne Program, ensuring the Program remains a trusted source of supply and services for Federal customers, and increasing and improving employment for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.”

These Federal appointments bring the total number of Commission members to 14. The Commission is authorized 15 Presidential appointees: 11 representing Federal agencies, and four private citizens who are knowledgeable about employment barriers facing people who are blind or have significant disabilities. The Commission is continuing to work with the White House to fill the remaining vacancy.



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 Guam to Maine. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2021.

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