



U.S. AbilityOne Commission Chairperson Robert Hogue to Retire from Federal Service

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 9, 2025 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission announced today that Chairperson Robert Hogue will retire from Federal service at the end of 2025.

Hogue was appointed to the Commission in 2022 and served as the Navy's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) before being elected Commission chairperson in January 2025. He retires with more than 40 years of Federal service. His past positions include serving as General Counsel to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"Serving as Commission chairperson has been a great honor," Hogue said. "I am deeply grateful for and honored by the support from my colleagues and our stakeholders, and their collaboration and partnership as we worked toward creating employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. I leave the Commission in the hands of a very capable cadre of public servants dedicated to serving Americans with disabilities."

Hogue has received numerous awards, including Presidential Rank Awards (Distinguished and Meritorious), the Defense of Freedom Medal, and the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.

Vice Chairperson Christina Brandt will serve as interim chairperson beginning January 1, 2026, and will hold this position until the Commission elects a new chairperson.

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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