

U.S. AbilityOne Commission to Hold Virtual Town Hall on Draft Compliance Policies

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 23, 2023 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission will hold a virtual public town hall on March 8, 2023, 2-4 p.m. ET, via Zoom for stakeholders to provide feedback on three draft compliance policies recently issued by the agency.

The draft policies advance the modernization of Commission oversight of nonprofit agency (NPA) compliance to align with AbilityOne Program requirements – one of the pillars of the Commission's <u>Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026</u>.

Commission Vice Chairperson Chai Feldblum will lead the town hall. The Commission invites Program stakeholders, including NPAs and representatives of disability advocacy organizations, to send questions in advance to aphifer@abilityone.gov.

During the meeting, Vice Chair Feldblum and Commission staff will first address questions posed in advance, and then proceed to addressing questions in the chat box and responding to those who "raise their hands." The Commission will address as many questions as possible within the available time.

No registration is required for this event. To enter the meeting, please use this **Zoom link**.

The Commission welcomes questions submitted before and during its virtual town hall. However, questions and comments submitted for and during the town hall event are not a substitute for written feedback on the three draft compliance policies issued on January 27, 2023. The Commission has requested that written feedback on the draft policies be submitted to policy@abilityone.gov no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

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. More than 36,000 individuals, including more than 2,500 veterans, are employed nationwide at more than 440 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2022.



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