



U.S. AbilityOne Commission Conducts Analysis Phase of Contract to Upgrade Procurement List Information Management System

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 23, 2023 – As part of modernization initiatives aligned with its strategic plan, the U.S. AbilityOne Commission is conducting the analysis phase of its contract to develop the next generation of the Commission’s Procurement List Information Management System (PLIMS).

The Commission awarded Intellect Solutions LLC of Alexandria, Virginia, a \$1,547,444 firm-fixed price General Services Administration (GSA) schedule task order on September 4, 2023, to upgrade PLIMS – the primary information and decision-making support system for the AbilityOne Program.

The upgrade will improve nearly 2,000 business transactions each year, connect Federal customers with Program partners, improve system accessibility central to the agency mission, and create a more secure technical system with access control and disaster recovery capability.

The Procurement List is a list of products and services the Commission has determined suitable to be furnished to the Federal government by nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or have significant disabilities.

“The PLIMS upgrade will increase the Commission’s ability to execute its statutory oversight of the AbilityOne Program,” said Jeffrey A. Koses, Commission Chairperson and GSA Senior Procurement Executive. “It will benefit Federal customers who depend on AbilityOne products and services, as well as the Program’s 450 nonprofits which employ more than 36,000 people on AbilityOne contracts, including more than 2,500 veterans.”

The upgrade is made possible by a \$1.78 million [investment](#) that the Commission received last year from the Technology Modernization Fund.

PLIMS 2.0 will be a web-based application, residing on an access-controlled extranet, which leverages a Microsoft-based tool suite and additional commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) components.



The upgrade will provide the capability to integrate Federal customers with Program partners in the cloud and produce digital products while reducing costs and improving customer experience and accessibility. PLIMS modernization will reduce redundancy in data entry, storage, and processing as well as mitigate risk associated with operating and maintaining the 15-year-old PLIMS legacy system.

This is a one-year base contract with four one-year option periods. The Commission is the contracting activity. The contract number is GS-35F-144AA.

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 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 2022.

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