



Statement

AbilityOne Program Fee Ceilings for National Industries for the Blind and SourceAmerica April 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023

This notice confirms that the following AbilityOne Program Fee Ceilings continue to apply from April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023:

Program Fee Ceilings of 3.75% for National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and 3.75% for SourceAmerica remain in effect due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Program Fee Ceilings apply between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2023, to Procurement List additions, annual price changes for products, base year renewals for services, and bilateral contract modifications that result in a price change submission to the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

The Commission is the independent federal agency that administers the AbilityOne Program and establishes the Program Fee Ceilings for NIB and SourceAmerica.

All AbilityOne contracts are performed today at fair market prices approved by the Commission, and there will be no price increases or discounts to federal customers on existing contracts throughout this period.

The Program Fee Ceiling is a specified percentage that the Program Fee may not exceed. Formerly known as the “CNA Fee,” the Program Fee is a percentage of the sales revenue of each contract on the AbilityOne Program Procurement List. The Program Fee is paid by AbilityOne-participating Nonprofit Agencies to their Central Nonprofit Agency (CNA), either NIB or SourceAmerica, to fund CNA activities that facilitate the operations of the AbilityOne Program.

Commission authority to set Program Fee Ceilings is specified in the Code of Federal Regulations (see 41 C.F.R. § 51-2.2(f); 41 C.F.R. § 51-3.5; and 41 C.F.R. § 51-4.3(b)). The Commission determined the 2021–2023 Program Fee Ceilings based on factors including an assessment of performance and the CNAs’ funding requirements.



Federal customers with questions about the Program Fee Ceilings may contact the Commission staff at info@abilityone.gov, or call Irene Glaeser, Director, Program Management Office, at (703) 489-0023, for more information. NPAs with questions may contact their CNAs.

About the AbilityOne Program

The AbilityOne Program is one of the largest sources of employment in the United States for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. More than 42,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities, including more than 3,200 veterans, are employed nationwide at nearly 500 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to the Federal Government in fiscal year 2020. The Program operates at more than 1,000 locations, representing 40 government agencies, including more than 150 Base Supply Centers at military and government installations.

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. The Commission designates CNAs to facilitate the employment of people who are blind or have significant disabilities. CNA Cooperative Agreements with the Commission include performance work statements, quality assurance surveillance plan deliverables, and agreement clauses. The Commission currently executes the AbilityOne Program based on Cooperative Agreements with two CNAs: National Industries for the Blind and SourceAmerica. Commission-designated CNAs are private entities.

