



**Presidential Appointees Jeffrey A. Koses and Mark Schultz
Sworn In as Members of U.S. AbilityOne Commission**

ARLINGTON, Va., May 12, 2020 – At the U.S. AbilityOne Commission’s May 12 executive session, conducted virtually because of the COVID-19 emergency, two new commissioners were sworn in: Jeffrey A. Koses and Mark Schultz. Mr. Koses is Senior Procurement Executive for the General Services Administration (GSA). Mr. Schultz is Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) in the Department of Education. They were appointed to the U.S. AbilityOne Commission by President Donald J. Trump this past December and February, respectively.

“We are delighted to welcome Jeffrey Koses and Mark Schultz to the U.S. AbilityOne Commission,” said Commission Chairperson Thomas D. Robinson. “Their expertise will be invaluable as we work to ensure the future of the AbilityOne Program and increase employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.”

Mr. Koses is recognized as an innovative leader in the field of acquisition. In addition to his work as Senior Procurement Executive for GSA, he serves as a voting member of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council. From 2008 through 2014, he was Director of Acquisition Operations within the Federal Acquisition Service, where he led several Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiatives; created GSA’s premiere vehicle for integrated professional services, OASIS; managed 25 multiple award schedules with annual sales of over \$22 billion; supported emergency acquisition; and oversaw acquisition for GSA Global Supply. He previously directed GSA’s Office of Contract Management.

Mr. Schultz leads RSA within the Department of Education’s Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Prior to assuming this position, he was a deputy commissioner at the Nebraska Department of Education. Before that, he served as both the director and associate director



with Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation, directed the Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership, and served as a barrier-free design specialist for the League of Human Dignity, a Center for Independent Living. He has also been a president of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation and a member of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Information Technology Steering Committee.

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. Approximately 45,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities, including approximately 3,000 veterans, are employed at approximately 500 nonprofit agencies nationwide, across 15 time zones, from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to the Federal government in fiscal year 2019. 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 comprised 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 Central Nonprofit Agencies (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 three CNAs: National Industries for the Blind, SourceAmerica and the American Foundation for the Blind. Commission-designated CNAs are private entities. (American Foundation for the Blind is currently in a research phase and is not collecting a Program Fee.)

