



## **U.S. AbilityOne Commission Telework Pilot Test Begins March 16, 2020**

*Pilot test includes full-time telework for all staff.*

*Commission cancels April 7, 2020, public meeting.*

ARLINGTON, Va., March 13, 2020 – The U.S. AbilityOne Commission is focused on employee safety and public health while continuing its mission. In response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and in accordance with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Commission is taking the following steps:

1. The Commission will initiate a Telework Pilot Test beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. The purpose of the pilot test is to check for any capacity constraints and to ensure that employees have the equipment they need to telework effectively off site. The pilot test will last until March 27, 2020, at which time the Commission will assess the pilot test findings, COVID-19 status and Federal government guidance, and determine whether to extend telework operations.

The Commission is taking these steps in accordance with its Continuity of Operations planning.

During the pilot test:

- Agency operations will continue uninterrupted.
  - Agency staff will telework full-time during normal business hours, and in accordance with guidance from OMB and the Office of Personnel Management.
  - Agency staff will be available via office phones, which will be forwarded to ensure connectivity with AbilityOne's Federal customers, Central Nonprofit Agencies, Nonprofit Agencies, other stakeholders and the public.
2. The Commission has cancelled its April 7, 2020, quarterly public Commission meeting, scheduled in conjunction with the SourceAmerica National Conference, April 6-8, in Washington D.C., which has also been cancelled.

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