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## MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Promoting Department of the Navy Contracting Opportunities with AbilityOne

Contracting through the AbilityOne Program provides job opportunities on federal contracts for individuals who are blind or have other significant disabilities to include wounded veterans and military dependents. Department of Navy (DoN) acquisition personnel are strongly urged to increase business with the AbilityOne Program by finding new prime contract opportunities during Fiscal Year 2014. This includes encouraging partnering with small businesses in joint ventures and subcontracting opportunities with AbilityOne. Senior contracting officials are challenged to make a personal commitment to developing a long-term strategy to increase business with AbilityOne over the next 5 years.

The DoN contracting and acquisition personnel are encouraged to take the Defense Acquisition University Training Course, CLM023, AbilityOne Contracting Tutorial to ensure that the knowledge and capability to work with AbilityOne is embedded within each contracting organization.

The Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) is designated as the DoN Executive Agent for AbilityOne related contracting policy. Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed as follows: the NAVSUP POC is Carol Decker, carol.decker@navy.mil, 717-605-1663 and the DASN (AP) POC is Gabrielle Trickett, gabrielle.trickett@navy.mil, 703-614-9641.

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