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SUBJECT: Zero Tolerance for Fraud, Waste, or Abuse on AbilityOne Contracts

I write to affirm that it is the policy of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission that the qualified nonprofit agencies participating in the AbilityOne Program shall uphold the highest standards of integrity, protect taxpayer dollars, and maintain operations free from fraud, waste, or abuse in all aspects of AbilityOne contract performance.

This Commission commitment is underscored by last month's Executive Order creating the Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, which furthers the President's Management Agenda emphasis on ceasing fraud and eliminating waste.

The Commission has zero tolerance for any action, omission, or misrepresentation that undermines the integrity of the Program. This includes falsification of data, misuse of Federal funds, improper billing, diversion of contract requirements, or any other conduct inconsistent with Federal standards.

Moreover, the Commission will not tolerate retaliation against any employee for reporting suspected wrongdoing or assisting in any inquiry about such a report.

The Commission is empowered to hold AbilityOne Program participants accountable as part of its statutory oversight of the AbilityOne Program. Regarding fraud, waste or abuse, the Commission may impose consequences to include suspension, deauthorization, or disqualification from the AbilityOne Program in accordance with Policy 51.407, Qualification Assessments and Enforcement Actions.

In addition, the Commission's Office of Inspector General provides vital oversight to detect and deter bad actors.

The Commission's regulation at 41 CFR 51-4.3 sets forth the requirements for nonprofit agencies to maintain qualification for participation in the AbilityOne Program, including adhering to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and all terms and conditions of AbilityOne contracts.

Nonprofit agencies must have appropriate governing policies and internal controls to prevent, detect, and correct fraud, waste, or abuse, including controls related to reporting, payroll documentation, product and service delivery, and accuracy of AbilityOne Program data.

The Commission recommends that nonprofit agencies maintain educational programs and training designed to foster a “no-fear” environment where employees at all levels understand their responsibility to report concerns and comply with ethical standards.

Supervisors who observe or learn of potential misconduct affecting AbilityOne Program integrity must take immediate action to prevent such behavior. They must also ensure that employees know the nonprofit agency’s policies and understand that allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse will be promptly investigated and remedied.

Public trust in the AbilityOne Program is essential – including the trust of the Executive Branch and Congress. By protecting taxpayer dollars and complying with laws, regulations and policies, nonprofit agencies safeguard the integrity of the AbilityOne Program and the future of employment opportunities for Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities.