



# U.S. AbilityOne Commission Quarterly Public Meeting

July 24, 2025



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# Agenda

- Remarks from Made in America Office, Office of Management and Budget
- National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Overview
- Chairperson's Remarks
- Executive Director Report
- Acting Inspector General Presentation
- BREAK





# Agenda

- Public Engagement Session:

Initial Draft for Discussion

Commission Strategic Plan Components for  
FY 2026-2030

Suggestions for Practitioners Guidance  
Revolutionary FAR Overhaul of Part 8  
(Specific to AbilityOne)

- Public Discussion
- Closing Remarks





# Made in America Office



**Michael Stumo**  
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# National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

## Manufacturing Extension Program



# Executive Director Report



# Executing the Chairperson's Intent

## Mission, Accountability, and Efficiency

- Mission
  - Monitoring AbilityOne employment benchmarks
  - Procurement List project life cycle management
  - Domestic industrial base support
- Accountability
  - Qualification assessments (Policy 51.407) update
  - Preparing to implement new data forms and systems
  - Agency Open Data Plan published







# Chairperson's Intent – Efficiency

- Efficiency: “Deep dive” into opportunities to streamline in multiple categories underway:
  - Procurement List business processes, including
    - Pricing actions
    - Additions and other transactions
  - Compliance processes, including
    - Implementing risk-based approach
    - Optimizing the reporting schedule
  - Additional suggestions for regulatory relief





# IT Modernization Update

- Procurement List Information Management System: **PLIMS 2.0**
  - Technology Modernization Fund investment in 2023
  - Agile development w/ COTS - Microsoft Power Platform
  - More efficient Procurement List workflow system
  - Enhanced Procurement List search functionality
- Status: Development phase complete, training and testing underway; on track for end of FY 2025 launch
- Additional updates being considered for FY 2026





# U.S. AbilityOne Commission

## Office of Inspector General



Carla Smith, Acting Inspector General  
July 24, 2025





# OIG's Budget

- President's Budget request issued for FY 2026
- OMB guidance for FY 2027
  - Fund OIG in FY 2027 at same level as FY 2026
- OMB believes in Commission and OIG mission





# OIG Communications

- **Semiannual Report to Congress**
  - Provides information on reports issued, cases closed, outreach, etc.
  - Reporting period October 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025.
  - Issued on May 29, 2025 – OIG website.
- **OIG Alert**
  - Issued on July 10, 2025 - OIG website.
- **Strategic Plan**
  - First OIG Strategic Plan – Will be issued on the OIG website by the end of FY 2026.





# OIG Oversight Audits, Evaluation & Investigations

- **Audit and Evaluations**

- Mandatory Audits

- FY24 and FY25 FISMA
    - FY25 FSA
    - Reports will be issued by end of fiscal year

- Discretionary

- Audit of Commission's Open Recommendations (announced March 28, 2025)
    - Evaluation of the Commission's Access to AbilityOne Program Data (announced April 10, 2025)

- **Investigations**

- Issued Report of Investigation – Summary on OIG website



# OIG Contact Information

## **AbilityOne Office of Inspector General**

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# Break





# Public Engagement Session

## Initial Draft for Discussion Commission Strategic Plan Components for FY 2026-2030

### Suggestions for Practitioners Guidance Revolutionary FAR Overhaul of Part 8 (Specific to AbilityOne)



# Strategic Plan Draft Objectives

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1:**

Increase workforce participation by Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities.

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2:**

Drive value, efficiency, and accountability across the AbilityOne Program.

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3:**

Engage in partnerships to increase employment opportunities for Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities within and beyond the AbilityOne Program.





# Strategic Objective 1

Increase workforce participation by Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities.

- **Outcome Goal 1**: Draw Americans with disabilities into the labor force by facilitating more private sector job opportunities on Federal contracts through the AbilityOne Program.
- **Outcome Goal 2**: Boost employment in the manufacturing sector and help strengthen the U.S. industrial base by making the AbilityOne Program a trusted source of American-made products.





# Strategic Objective 1 (cont.)

Increase workforce participation by Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities.

- **Outcome Goal 3**: Increase participation in the service economy by developing jobs in a wide range of industries, including professional services, IT, and other non-traditional services.
- **Outcome Goal 4**: Ensure AbilityOne employers pay competitive wages and benefits, provide appropriate job supports and accommodations, and offer career advancement opportunities.





## Strategic Objective 2

Drive value, efficiency, and accountability across the AbilityOne Program.

- **Outcome Goal 1**: Support Federal customers by delivering AbilityOne products and services that provide the best value to the Government.
- **Outcome Goal 2**: Enhance accountability, performance quality, and operational efficiency at all levels of the AbilityOne Program.
- **Outcome Goal 3**: Proactively address top management and performance challenges.





## Strategic Objective 3

Engage in partnerships to increase employment opportunities for Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities within and beyond AbilityOne.

- **Outcome Goal 1:** Contribute as a member of the public-private community focused on promoting employment opportunities for Americans who are blind or have other significant disabilities.
- **Outcome Goal 2:** Enhance communication and transparency with stakeholders, including those in the business and nonprofit communities, to increase workforce participation of Americans with disabilities.





# AbilityOne Practitioners Guidance for Revised FAR Part 8

Suggestions invited for AbilityOne practitioners guidance to accompany the “Revolutionary FAR Overhaul” — e.g., best practices, tools, work aids, examples.

- **See [OMB Memo M-25-26, “Overhauling the Federal Acquisition Regulation”](#)**
- **See [Revolutionary FAR Overhaul landing page: Revolutionary FAR Overhaul | Acquisition.GOV](#)**





# Examples: Practitioners Guidance

## Practitioner Album: FAR Part 10 - Market Research

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≡ FAR Part 10 Change Summary

≡ FAR Part 10 Line Out

≡ Smart Accelerators

### GSA's Market Research as a Service



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# Public Discussion



# Chairperson Closing Remarks

