



New AbilityOne Program Fee Structure Lowers Costs for Federal Customers, Increases Value and Efficiency

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 29, 2026 — The U.S. AbilityOne Commission today announced a new structure for the AbilityOne Program Fee.

The Program Fee is an allowable cost paid by AbilityOne-participating Federal contractors to the AbilityOne Program central nonprofit agencies (CNAs) to fund CNA activities that facilitate AbilityOne Program operations. It is a percentage of the sales revenue generated from Federal contracts on the AbilityOne Procurement List.

The new structure:

- **Lowers the Program Fee from 3.75% to 3.00% for all AbilityOne service projects with annual contract values greater than \$10 million**, effective October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.
- **Maintains the current 3.75% Program Fee for all other AbilityOne projects** through December 31, 2027.

An AbilityOne project refers to a product or service on the AbilityOne [Procurement List](#) that is provided by an AbilityOne-participating Federal contractor.

The Commission implemented a two-tier Program Fee ceiling to enhance the overall value, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the AbilityOne Program. This model recognizes economies of scale and better aligns incentives within AbilityOne – e.g., Federal customers who bring large dollar opportunities to AbilityOne will benefit from the lower costs of the new structure.

The new Program Fee structure follows extensive review and dialogue with stakeholders, including the CNAs (SourceAmerica and National Industries for the Blind).

About the U.S. AbilityOne Commission

The U.S. AbilityOne Commission oversees the AbilityOne Program. The Commission is the operating name of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled. The Commission is an independent Federal agency composed 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.



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About the AbilityOne Program

The AbilityOne Program facilitates the use of government procurement to provide employment in the United States for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. In FY 2025, approximately 41,000 individuals, including approximately 2,800 veterans and wounded warriors, were employed nationwide at approximately 400 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. In addition, AbilityOne provided more than \$4.7 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies.

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