



Robert D. Hogue Elected Chairperson of U.S. AbilityOne Commission

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 17, 2025 – Robert D. Hogue was unanimously elected Chairperson of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission today at an executive session of the Commission.

Hogue is the Navy’s Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) and has served as the Navy representative to the Commission since he was appointed to that position in 2022.

In his Navy position, Hogue is responsible for the overall supervision of manpower and reserve component affairs, including the development of programs and policy related to military personnel (active, reserve, retired), their family members, and the civilian workforce.

He has received numerous awards, including Presidential Rank Awards (Distinguished and Meritorious), the Defense of Freedom Medal, and the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2000. More details on Hogue’s career can be found [here](#).

Hogue’s two-year term begins February 13, 2025. He will succeed Jeffrey A. Koses, GSA’s Senior Procurement Executive, who has led the Commission since October 2020. Koses will continue as a Commission member and will lead the agency’s next [quarterly public meeting](#) on Jan. 23, 2025.

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.



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. More than 39,000 individuals, including more than 2,500 veterans and wounded warriors, are employed nationwide at 405 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided more than \$4.4 billion in products and services to approximately 40 Federal government agencies in FY 2024.

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