



Chai Feldblum Elected Vice Chairperson of U.S. AbilityOne Commission

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 2, 2021 – Chai Feldblum was elected Vice Chairperson of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission today at a virtual meeting of the Commission members.

Appointed by [President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.](#), Feldblum became a Commission member on July 30, 2021. Her term as Vice Chairperson will last two years.

“We are delighted to welcome Chai Feldblum as Vice Chairperson of the Commission,” said Commission Chairperson Jeffrey A. Koses. “Her expertise will be invaluable as the Commission continues to focus on modernizing the AbilityOne Program while increasing employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.”

“I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Commission,” Feldblum said. “All of us, collectively and individually, are tasked with the important work of increasing employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities, and ensuring that such individuals have good, solid jobs in our economy.”

Feldblum is a national expert in disability law and employment. She led the drafting and negotiating of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. As a law professor at Georgetown University Law Center, she and her students represented nonprofit organizations, including disability rights organizations, in advocating for legislation and administrative regulations to support social justice goals.

She served as a Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission during the Obama-Biden Administration, where she spearheaded the issuance of regulations under Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.



About the U.S. AbilityOne Commission

The AbilityOne Program is administered by the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, 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. The Commission designates Central Nonprofit Agencies (CNAs) to facilitate the employment of people who are blind or have significant disabilities. The Commission currently executes the AbilityOne Program based on Cooperative Agreements with two CNAs: National Industries for the Blind and SourceAmerica. CNA Cooperative Agreements with the Commission include performance work statements, quality assurance surveillance plan deliverables, and agreement clauses. CNAs are private entities.

About the AbilityOne Program

The AbilityOne Program is one of the largest sources of employment in the United States for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. More than 42,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities, including more than 3,200 veterans, are employed nationwide at nearly 500 nonprofit agencies from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided nearly \$4 billion in products and services to the Federal Government in fiscal year 2020. The Program operates at more than 1,000 locations, representing 40 government agencies, including more than 150 Base Supply Centers at military and government installations.

