



Presidential Appointee Stuart Hazlett Sworn In as Member of U.S. AbilityOne Commission

ARLINGTON, Va., May 20, 2019 – Stuart Hazlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement), was sworn in as a member of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission at the Commission’s May 20 public meeting at the 2019 SourceAmerica National Training and Achievement Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

He was appointed to the Commission by President Donald J. Trump in December 2018.

“We are delighted to welcome Stuart Hazlett to the U.S. AbilityOne Commission,” said Commission Chairperson Thomas D. Robinson. “His expertise will be invaluable as we work to ensure the future of the AbilityOne Program and increase employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.”

Mr. Hazlett was appointed to his current Army position on Oct. 2, 2017. He provides executive leadership and supervision of all aspects of the Army’s procurement mission, including development and dissemination of policies and procedures; management of operations, programs and business systems; and oversight over the organization and its resources. Mr. Hazlett is responsible for over 270 Army contracting offices worldwide executing contracts in direct support of Army operational readiness, supporting major weapons systems, research and development, supplies and services, information technology, installation support, construction, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and operational contracting in support of deployed forces. Under his cognizance, the Army executes approximately 297,000 contracting actions with obligations of more than \$74 billion annually. He also oversees the recruitment, training, certification and professional development of the 8,000-person Army military and civilian contracting workforce worldwide.



Before taking his current position, Mr. Hazlett served as the Director of Contracting and Head of Contracting Activity for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is the recipient of four Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, a 2015 Presidential Rank Award, a Department of the Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and the Bronze de Fleury Medal.

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. Approximately 45,000 people who are blind or have significant disabilities, including approximately 3,000 veterans, are employed at approximately 500 nonprofit agencies nationwide, across 15 time zones, from Maine to Guam. AbilityOne provided more than \$3.3 billion in products and services to the federal government in fiscal year 2018. 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.

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 comprised 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 to facilitate the employment of people who are blind or have significant disabilities. CNA Cooperative Agreements with the Commission include performance work statements, quality assurance surveillance plan deliverables, and agreement clauses. The Commission currently executes the AbilityOne Program based on cooperative agreements with three central nonprofit agencies: National Industries for the Blind, SourceAmerica and the American Foundation for the Blind. Commission-designated CNAs are private entities.

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