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IN REPLY
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December 9, 2014

To: All Subsistence Prime Vendors (SPVs)
Re: AbilityOne Program

Dear Vendors,

Please take note that DLA Troop Support firmly supports the AbilityOne program. SPVs are reminded that use of the items contained on the Mandatory Products List are a requirement of your contract and are based on federal statute.

I echo the sentiment expressed in General Shapiro's letter dated September 03, 2013 (attached). That is, not only is it law to follow the statute, it is the right thing to do. The AbilityOne program supports not only the Warfighter with high quality products at fair market prices, but also, it supports the blind and/or severely disabled members of our society to include veterans returning from duty.

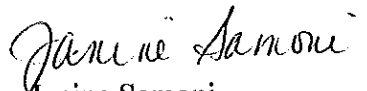
Mandatory Class I items are listed on DLA Troop Support's website :
https://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/pv/manprod/man_prod.asp

An AbilityOne representative may participate in post award conferences for new contracts to reinforce this message. During cataloging sessions, your Contracting Officer and/or Tailored Vendor Logistics Specialist will ensure your firm does not catalog a competing item. If you are the incumbent, you are required to procure the correct mandatory items for your customers' catalogs and eliminate competing items immediately. DLA Troop Support will remain actively engaged to track compliance. Individual SPV issues should be communicated with the Contracting Officer for your contract.

If you have any further questions about the AbilityOne program, the points of contact are:
Timothy.Dlugokecki@dla.mil and Matthew.Conville@dla.mil.

Thank you for your continued support of the AbilityOne program.

Sincerely,


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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBSISTENCE PRIME VENDORS

SUBJECT: AbilityOne Suppliers On Subsistence Prime Vendor Contracts

As the Commander of DLA Troop Support, I am calling upon you to support the ABILITYONE program not only because it is a requirement in your contract based on a federal statute, but because it has my personal commitment and frankly it is the right thing to do.

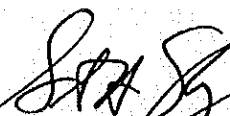
Currently there are five community-based, nonprofit agencies from Source America (formerly NISH) identified in your contract as the mandatory source for various spices, roll mixes, coffee, nuts and non-fat-dry milk. There are also two agencies from NIB identified as mandatory sources for certain food service operating supplies. In the near future, we expect to add a NIB agency as a mandatory source for certain rice items.

The orders you submit to AbilityOne generate many positives to a deserving segment of the population. A real plus for those of us in the Department of Defense is the Wounded Warrior programs active at a number of the AbilityOne agencies including one operated by CDS Unistel which is the mandatory source for various spices.

Unfortunately, it appears that these mandatory sources are not getting all the business that they should be receiving.

In support of this effort, I simply ask two things. First, comply with your contract. Second, please communicate any suggestions on how to improve our mutual support for AbilityOne.

The Point of contact at DLA Troop Support is Mr. Michael McCall who can be reached on 215-737-2323 or Michael.McCall@dla.mil.


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