AbilityOne

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Towards New Horizons!

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AbilityOne

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Seminar Objectives

Seminar participants will understand:

• Who we are
• How the program benefits you
• How do you access it
Who Are We?
New Program Name

• JWOD is now AbilityOne
• Same Great Program – New Name
AbilityOne Program Mission

Mission:
Provide employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the manufacturing and delivery of products and services to the federal government.
Why Is This Important?

- 17 million working-age adults are blind or severely disabled
- 7 out of 10 are not employed
Program History

- Established in 1938 as the Wagner-O’Day Act
- Modified in 1971 to Javitz-Wagner-O’Day Act
AbilityOne Organization

President of the United States

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
- Nonprofit Agencies Employing Persons Who Are Blind

NISH
- Nonprofit Agencies Employing Persons with Severe Disabilities

Congress

Legal Authority

DOC
DOD
Air Force
Army
Navy
DOJ
DOL
ED
GSA
USDA
VA
Citizen
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How it benefits you!
Federal Government Benefits

- Over 3200 Commonly used office and janitorial supplies
- Competitively priced
- Compliant with Federal Procurement regulations
- Government Customer is the sole focus
Cleaning Products
“Green” Products
Custom Products
Safety and Personal Care
Government Unique Products
NIB provides services as well!

• Our services include:
  – Logistics
    • Warehousing, storage and distribution
    • Kit Assembly (kitting)
  – Tele-services
    • Call Centers, help lines
    • Switchboards
  – Document Solutions
    • Administrative Services
    • Mailrooms
    • Document Conversion Services
How to access it!
Government Purchase Card

If I’m only buying a small amount, should I still buy through AbilityOne?

– Yes, the AbilityOne Program is applicable at any dollar amount
Why AbilityOne?

- Wide product and service offering
- We are mandatory
- Supporting employment of people who are blind or severely disabled
- Helping the country – turning tax-takers into tax-payers
Contact Information

We’re always looking for new ways to serve you.

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Questions?
Reminders

• Thank you for attending this session

• Visit the Citibank® Welcome Center
  – Exhibit Area Entrance, Sheraton Denver
  – Conference slide show – come see yourself shine

• Visit the Citibank® One-on-One Mini-Sessions
  – Governor’s Square Rooms 11 and 12

• Please take a moment to complete your GSA survey for this session

• Citibank® party is tonight
  – Hyatt Regency Denver: Centennial Ballroom & Foyer at 7:00 PM
  – Western Theme