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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Support for the AbilityOne Program

1. The AbilityOne Program (formerly the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program) is a federal initiative that provides employment opportunities for thousands of Americans who are blind or have other severe disabilities. Nearly 43,000 individuals work in more than 600 participating community-based nonprofit organizations nation-wide and provide a wide array of quality goods and services to the federal government.

2. On 24 March 2008, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Mr. John J. Young, Jr., issued a memorandum (enclosed) encouraging Defense agencies to provide support for the program and challenging acquisition personnel to further increase their use of AbilityOne sources. Today, Americans with disabilities, who include many of our heroic Warfighters, provide a large variety of products to DoD agencies, including chemical protective suits, uniforms, first aid kits, office supplies and services.

3. Contracting efforts under this program will continue to benefit Americans with severe disabilities and will provide the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) with quality products and services. The AMC is committed to the program, and I ask that each of you endorse and find creative ways to expand involvement in the AbilityOne Program. It is through your leadership and personal commitment that we will successfully increase our involvement.

4. The HQAMC point of contact is Ms. Nancy D. Small, Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs, 703-806-9185 or DSN 656-9185, e-mail: nancy.d.small@us.army.mil.

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