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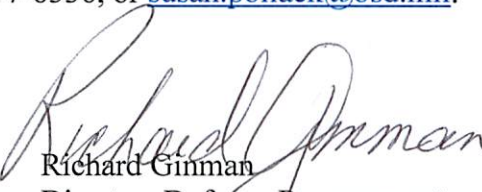
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE)  
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION  
COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(PROCUREMENT)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
(ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
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DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES  
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: AbilityOne Base Supply Center Program

The Department of Defense has a long history of partnering with AbilityOne® and remains the largest customer of the Program, which generates employment for Americans who are blind or who have other significant disabilities to include wounded veterans and military dependents. As the AbilityOne Program celebrates its 75th anniversary, this is to remind the workforce of the opportunity to utilize the Base Supply Centers (BSCs) for office supplies, cleaning products, and general maintenance and repair items. The BSCs are added to the Commission's Procurement List as AbilityOne service projects in accordance with 41 CFR Chapter 51, and, as such, are authorized distribution sources for AbilityOne products and commercial (non-AbilityOne) products. Located on 148 military installations and in federal buildings nationwide, these BSCs employ over 300 people who are blind or who have significant disabilities in retail positions. Additionally, each purchase in a BSC by a DoD customer has a direct and positive impact on the thousands of individuals with disabilities who provide services and manufacture and ship AbilityOne products to the BSCs. A complete listing of the BSCs may be viewed at: [http://www.abilityone.gov/distributors/base\\_supply.html](http://www.abilityone.gov/distributors/base_supply.html).

Our continued partnership with AbilityOne will facilitate a viable and successful BSC Program. Questions concerning the above may be directed to my staff specialist for AbilityOne Program policy, Ms. Susan Pollack, at 703-697-8336, or [susan.pollack@osd.mil](mailto:susan.pollack@osd.mil).

  
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