MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Support for the AbilityOne Program

1. The AbilityOne Program is a worthy program with the goal of providing opportunities for employment of thousands of Americans who are blind or have other severe disabilities, to include our Wounded Warriors. Army Materiel Command (AMC) supports the AbilityOne program and as a decision maker in AMC, I urge you to consider how your requirements can be met by the AbilityOne program.

2. On July 12, 2012, Mr. Richard Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy and Mr. Shay D. Assad, Director, Defense Pricing, issued the enclosed memorandum urging procurement officials to work with AbilityOne to open new markets. Over the past 5 years, AbilityOne has experienced 35% increase in sales and created 7,000 jobs for individuals with disabilities.

3. The AbilityOne Program employs individuals through more than 600 participating community-based nonprofit organizations and provides a wide array of goods and services to the federal government. Through AbilityOne, Americans with disabilities provide a large variety of products & services to DoD, such as hospitality services on military installations, SKILCRAFT office products, technical support, and military uniforms. Many of AbilityOne’s products & services are required by AMC every day, making AbilityOne a potential partner with AMC.

4. I am designating the Army Contracting Command (ACC) as the AMC champion for the AbilityOne program. AbilityOne products and services can offer the right solution for your contract requirement in many instances. I urge you to work with ACC and explore this important program for your contracting needs.

5. The HQ AMC point of contact for this action is the AMC Contracting Support Element, 256-450-8027. The AbilityOne POC for HQ Army Contracting Command is Mr. Henry Molnar, 256-955-5642.

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