MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, Directors, and Chiefs of Separate Offices, Headquarters, United States Army Corps of Engineers

SUBJECT: USACE Support for the AbilityOne Program

1. On March 24, 2008, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics issued a memorandum, encouraging Defense Department’s strong support for the AbilityOne Program (formally the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program).

2. The AbilityOne Program is a federal program 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 nationwide and provide a wide array of quality goods and services to the federal government. Today, Americans with disabilities, including many of our heroic Warfighters, provide a large variety of products to DoD agencies, such as 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 make valuable contributions to our Nation’s workforce. I ask each of you to make a personal commitment to consider, when appropriate, the AbilityOne Program in fulfilling our procurement needs. It is through your leadership and personal commitment that we will successfully increase our involvement in the Program.

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