



## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

## Between The Boeing Company and the AbilityOne Program

The AbilityOne Program, enabled by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, and administered by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, was created to provide employment opportunities for these individuals through the manufacturing of products and provision of services for the federal government, while capitalizing on the talents of this historically underutilized workforce. Employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or have other significant disabilities empower them to become more independent. In return, taxpayers benefit through increased taxes and reduced transfer payments.

The Boeing Company (Boeing) is the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined. Additionally, Boeing designs and manufactures rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, satellites, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems. As a major service provider to NASA, Boeing operates the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. The company also provides numerous military and commercial airline support services. Boeing has customers in over 90 countries around the world and is one of the largest U.S. exporters in terms of sales.

The goal of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is the continued support of the Department of Defense (DoD) mission while increasing opportunities for AbilityOne authorized nonprofit organizations to support their workforce of people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. Together with Boeing, these opportunities would be realized in employment, education, training, and knowledge transfer resulting from subcontracts and other purchases.

The authority for this MOA is the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, 41 U.S.C. 46-48c, as amended, the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and DoD Directive 5000.57. The participants hereby agree that principles of good faith partnership and steadfast adherence to the purposes of this MOA, will govern their conduct hereunder.

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