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From: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics (003A)

Subj: Increasing VA Use of AbilityOne Mandatory Procurement List Products (VAIQ 7280023)

To: Heads of Contracting Activities

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to assist Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities in improving the Department's overall compliance and procurement of mandatory AbilityOne Procurement List items.
2. The AbilityOne Program, a program created by Congress and managed by The U.S. AbilityOne Commission, is designed to aid in the employment of individuals who are blind or have other significant disabilities. The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled determines which products and services are suitable for placement on its Procurement List.
3. The Procurement List identifies items which are designated for mandatory use by VA and other Federal agencies. Please note, not all AbilityOne available products and services are placed on the mandatory Procurement List.
4. In order to facilitate ordering of the mandatory Procurement List items, VA's Office of Acquisition and Logistics (OAL) has established basic ordering agreements (BOAs) to help identify and aggregate orders for the mandatory items.
5. Unfortunately, the Department's overall performance in procuring the mandatory AbilityOne items is weak. Therefore, in order for VA to increase its usage, I am providing lists of current AbilityOne Program mandatory BOAs, and I strongly encourage all VA facilities to take the following actions to ensure compliance:
 - a. Review the attached medical supply BOA listing and add all mandatory items to your facility's medical/surgical prime vendor (MSPV) distributor's Core List, when and where appropriate. Ensure the AbilityOne mandatory items are coded as a higher priority, when placing orders with your MSPVs.
 - b. Review the attached non-medical supply BOA listing and ensure the AbilityOne mandatory items are given a higher priority, when placing orders for these types of items.

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c. Visit www.abilityone.gov to review and confirm whether a product or service is on the Procurement List, **before** going to other sources.

d. Attend AbilityOne training seminars on how to navigate the Procurement List. Visit www.abilityone.gov to identify web or face-to-face training opportunities in your area.

6. To ensure compliance and adherence to policy concerning AbilityOne mandatory Procurement List items, OAL's Office of Procurement Policy, Systems, and Oversight will be performing a review of each VA Facility's Core Lists and procurement actions.



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Attachments

Medical Supply Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs)

Product	Contractor	BPA or BOA or National Contract Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Accelerate OR Kits	Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc., dba Bosma Enterprises	VA797-BO-0231	10/1/2009	9/30/2014
Applicator, Cotton-Tipped, Disposable, Non-Sterile	Suburban Adult Services, Inc.	V797P-2005	9/1/1997	3/31/2014
Bag, Tube Feeding; Bag, Urine Collection	Work, Inc.	V797P-2019	9/1/2003	8/31/2013
Cap, Operating, Surgical, Women's	Allied Healthcare Services, Inc.	V797P-2003	9/1/1994	3/31/2014
Cup, Disposable	The Lighthouse for the Blind-New Orleans	V797P-2008	9/24/1999	9/23/2013
Exam Gloves, Vinyl, Latex and Nitrile	Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc., dba Bosma Enterprises	V797P-2071	8/1/2005	7/31/2017
External Male Catheters (Condom Catheters)	The Lighthouse for the Blind	V797P-2057	5/1/2004	4/30/2014
Facial Tissues	LC Industries, Signature Works Division	V797P-2058	6/1/2004	5/31/2014
Fecal Incontinent Bags	Work, Inc.	VA797-BO-0029	11/1/2006	10/31/2016
Gloves, Vinyl Industrial	Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc., dba Bosma Enterprises	VA797-BO-0385	10/15/2010	10/14/2015
Hood, Operating Surgical	CARC-Halas Vocational Center	VA797-BO-0310	3/1/2010	2/28/2015
Kit, Ambulance	Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc., dba Bosma Enterprises	VA797-BO-0200	10/1/2009	9/1/3014
Paper, Patient Exam	Cincinnati Association for the Blind	V797P-2000	9/1/1994	6/30/2013
Stethoscopes	Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	V797P-2015	4/1/2003	3/31/2013
Surgical Gloves	Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc., dba Bosma Enterprises	VA797-BO-0357	8/1/2010	7/31/2015
Suture Removal Kit	Washington-Green County Branch	V797P-2002	7/15/1994	6/30/2013
Waterless Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer (Foam)	Travis Association for the Blind	VA797-BO-0137	4/1/2009	3/31/2014
Waterless Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer (Gel)	Travis Association for the Blind	VA797-BO-0133	3/15/2009	3/14/2014

Non-Medical Supply Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs)

Product	Contractor	BPA or BOA or National Contract Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Brushes; Brooms; Squeegees; Scrapers	Industries for the Blind, Inc.	VA797-BO-0345	5/1/2011	4/30/2016
Chemicals (Housekeeping)	Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired	VA797-BO-0104	10/1/2008	9/30/2013
Custom Stamp Coupon	Arbor Products, Inc.	VA797-BO-0135	3/15/2009	3/14/2014
Filter, Notebook	Wiscraft, Inc.	VA797-BO-0182	9/1/2009	8/31/2014
Flashlights	Development Workshop, Inc.	V797P-2010	10/20/1999	10/19/2013
Floor Pads	Beacon Lighthouse, Inc.	V797P-2011	5/1/2000	7/31/2014
Impact Gloves; Mechanic's Gloves; Flyer's Gloves	South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.	VA797-BO-0361	10/1/2010	9/30/2015
Labels, Lasers	North Central Sight Services, Inc.	VA797-BO-0251	10/15/2009	10/14/2014
Medical File Folders	Glovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired	V797P-2083	1/1/2006	12/31/2017
Mop, Flat Microfiber	New York City Industries for the Blind, Inc.	VA797-BO-0083	6/1/2008	5/31/2013
Mopheads, Wet & Dust	New York City Industries for the Blind, Inc.	V797P-2009	10/14/1999	10/13/2014
Pajama, Tops and Pants	Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	VA797-BO-0176	9/1/2009	8/31/2014
Picture Frames	Eastern Carolina Vocational Center, Inc.	VA797-BO-0141	5/15/2009	5/14/2014
Pillows, Medical Re-Fluff Cluster Fiber	RLCB, Inc.	V797P-2012	9/16/2002	9/15/2017
Plastic Bags	Envision	V797P-2016	5/15/2003	5/14/2013
Scouring Pad; Scouring Pad, Griddle; Scouring Pad, Griddle Screens	Beacon Lighthouse, Inc.	VA797-BO-0470	10/15/2011	10/14/2016
Shelter-In-Place Kits	Bosma Industries for the Blind, Inc., dba Bosma Enterprises	VA797-BO-0447	8/1/2011	7/31/2016
Sponge, Scrubber, Cellulose	Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Inc.	VA797-BO-0403	4/1/2011	3/31/2016

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Spray Bottles	Alphapointe Association for the Blind	VA797-BO-0451	9/1/2011	8/31/2016
Standard Stamps and Ink	Arbor Products, Inc.	VA797-BO-0143	5/1/2009	4/30/2014
Table, Folding Legs; Chair Folding	MidWest Enterprises for the Blind, Inc.	VA797-BO-0440	8/1/2011	7/31/2016
Twist N Fill Dispensing System	Beacon Lighthouse, Inc.	VA797-BO-0071	11/15/2007	11/14/2012
Utility Towels	East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind (dba Horizon Industries)	VA797-BO-0153	6/15/2009	6/14/2014
Wall Clocks	The Chicago Lighthouse	V797P-2007	9/20/1999	9/19/2013