



DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
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December 18, 2019

To: All Subsistence Prime Vendors (SPVs)
Re: AbilityOne Program

Dear Vendors,

DLA Troop Support firmly supports the AbilityOne program. SPVs are reminded that use of the items contained on the Mandatory Products List (MPL) is based in federal statute and a requirement of your contract. I echo the sentiment expressed in General Lawrence's letter dated October 31, 2019 (attached). That is, not only is it law to follow the statute, it is the right thing to do. The AbilityOne program supports the Warfighter with high quality products at fair market prices, as well as supporting the blind and/or severely disabled members of our society, to include veterans returning from active duty.

Mandatory food items and non-food items are listed on DLA Troop Support's website at <http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodServices/AbilityOne.aspx>


Please review the list to ensure you are in compliance with your contract and supplying mandatory items to our customers. I challenge you to begin using AbilityOne products for your commercial customers as well. These items have been tested to ensure quality and are often sourced from the same manufacturers as their brand name equivalent.

A representative from my office may participate in pre award and post award conferences to reinforce this message. During cataloging sessions, your Contracting Officer and/or Tailored Vendor Logistics Specialist will ensure your firm does not catalog a competing item. If you are the incumbent, you are required to procure the correct mandatory items for your customers' catalogs and eliminate competing items immediately. DLA Troop Support will remain actively engaged to track compliance. You are reminded that regulatory compliance is an element in the Contractor Performance Assessment Rating System (CPARS) and your noncompliance with the MPL may be documented in your assessment. Individual SPV issues should be communicated with the Contracting Officer for your contract.

If you have any further questions about the AbilityOne program, the points of contact are: Timothy.Dlugokecki@dla.mil and Alyssa.Marley@dla.mil.

Thank you for your continued support of the AbilityOne program.

Sincerely,


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