

The following four awards were presented by NISH at the National Training and Achievement Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. in May 2012.

GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR PRODUCTS



Bob Chamberlin, NISH President & CEO; Keith Ford, DLA Troop Support, and Bill Coleman, Jr., NISH Board chair.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY TROOP SUPPORT

Philadelphia, Penn.

DLA Troop Support is an extraordinary promoter of the AbilityOne Program and its product manufacturing capabilities for the U.S. Armed Forces. Under the leadership of DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson, the agency has looked to AbilityOne to provide uniforms and other products. Vocational Guidance Services of Cleveland, Ohio produces five different product lines for the Department of Defense.

This award recognizes a military or other Federal agency that has provided outstanding support to the AbilityOne Program for Products.

GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR SERVICES (CIVILIAN)



Chamberlin; Karone Blondin, GSA; Mike Payne, Betty Williams and Karin Farrow, Didlake; and Coleman

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA)

Washington, D.C.

GSA's support for AbilityOne is showcased at the GSA

. Since Didlake of Manassas, Va. took over the custodial services in 2008, the Contracting Officer Representative, William Dietz and his team, have expanded the contract by 30 percent to encompass 800,000 sq. ft. of building space.

This award recognizes a civilian Federal agency that has provided outstanding support to the AbilityOne Program for Services.

GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR SERVICES (MILITARY)



Chamberlin, Lt. Col. Scott Svabek, USAMEDCOM, and Coleman

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND

Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Under the leadership of Col. Scott A. Svabek, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command Health Care Acquisition Activity and Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, AbilityOne Program jobs for people with disabilities have increased 300 percent in three years (encompassing contracts managed by Professional Contract Services, Inc. and Job Options, Inc.).

This award recognizes a local military installation that has provided outstanding support, technical or other assistance to an AbilityOne-producing nonprofit agency that is providing a service under the AbilityOne Program.



Dr. Carol Lowman, executive director of the Army Contracting Command (and former member of the Commission) accepts the award on behalf of the Army from Chamberlin and Coleman

US ARMY GARRISON-REDSTONE ARSENAL

Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

The Federal community of Redstone Arsenal, Ala. has supported the AbilityOne Program since its inception in the 1970s. Today, 425 AbilityOne Program employees work there, providing custodial services for over 500 buildings and grounds maintenance on 6,000 acres—the largest U.S. Army grounds maintenance contract in the world.

If you would like to nominate someone for any of the awards, contact us at customerservice@abilityone.org or 800-999-5963.