

## **9.107 Surveys of nonprofit agencies participating in the AbilityOne Program.**

(a) The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee), as authorized by [41 U.S.C. chapter 85](#), determines what *supplies* and services *Federal agencies* are required to purchase from AbilityOne participating nonprofit agencies serving people who are blind or have other severe disabilities (see [subpart 8.7](#)). The Committee is required to find an AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency capable of furnishing the *supplies* or services before the nonprofit agency can be designated as a mandatory source under the AbilityOne Program. The Committee *may* request a *contracting office* to assist in assessing the capabilities of a nonprofit agency.

(b) The *contracting office*, upon request from the Committee, *shall* request a capability survey from the activity responsible for performing preaward surveys, or notify the Committee that the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency is capable, with supporting rationale, and that the survey is waived. The capability survey will focus on the technical and production capabilities and applicable *preaward survey* elements to furnish specific *supplies* or services being considered for addition to the *Procurement List*.

(c) The *contracting office shall* use the [Standard Form 1403](#) to request a capability survey of organizations employing people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

(d) The *contracting office shall* furnish a copy of the completed survey, or notice that the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agency is capable and the survey is waived, to the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

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