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Dear Members of Congress:

Thank you for contacting the Library of Congress regarding our participation in the AbilityOne program. As the home of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), the Library has been working to address challenges faced by individuals with disabilities for almost a hundred years. We agree that equal opportunities for Americans with disabilities must be a priority within federal workplaces and are happy to respond to your questions about the Library's procurement of services under AbilityOne.

The Library contracts with nonprofit agencies designated by the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (SourceAmerica). Significantly, we procure custodial service campus-wide from a SourceAmerica nonprofit and recycling services for NLS cartridges and containers from NIB nonprofits. We are aware of the mandatory AbilityOne sources of supply and make use of them, particularly through our purchase card program. Overall, our records show that approximately 4.34% of our annual contract dollars or \$11.3 million support this program. The Library does not currently publish this data, but is willing to make it available.

The Library reviews data on procurements potentially available through the AbilityOne program, and ensures that Source America and NIB have access to information about our procurement opportunities. The Library's Chief of Acquisition Policy in our Contracts and Grants Division serves as liaison with the AbilityOne Commission, addressing contracting procedures, workforce engagement, and providing feedback to the Commission to improve the program.

Again, thank you for your letter. I hope you find this information responsive to your inquiry, and I welcome any further opportunities to remain engaged with Congress as you continue to consider Legislative Branch participation in AbilityOne.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Hayden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla Hayden  
Librarian of Congress