

July 25, 2016

Ms. Tina Ballard, Executive Director
Mr. James M. Kesteloot, Chairperson and Presidential Appointee
US AbilityOne Commission
1401 South Clark Street, Suite 715
Arlington VA 22202-4149

Dear Ms. Ballard and Mr. Kesteloot:

We are writing on behalf of the NPA Community we represent to request that the U.S. AbilityOne Commission (Commission) provide opportunities for public input as part of its review of the draft SourceAmerica/NPA Cooperative Agreement (NPA Agreement). Along with public hearings, we ask that the Commission hold multiple focus or work groups with an invitation to all AbilityOne-producing NPAs to comment on the proposed NPA Agreement. Public forums would allow adequate input from the field, which will result in a better template for the NPA Agreement. We also suggest that the Commission allow for as many venues of communication as possible as the process moves forward, including conference calls and webinars.

It is our understanding that the Commission plans to publish the Cooperative Agreement between SourceAmerica and the Commission by the end of July (Cooperative Agreement). We believe it will be helpful for NPAs to review the Cooperative Agreement in advance of its publication, so as to understand what may be required of NPAs and possibly subsequently memorialized in the NPA Agreement. We are aware that the Commission has to approve the final contract. Additionally, we recognize that SourceAmerica would like to have one document to be used with all the participating NPAs.

Specifically, some of the items we would like to have considered with respect to the NPA Agreement, and as needed, the Cooperative Agreement, are:

- The NPA Agreement be of a bilateral nature.
- The NPA Agreement have variations or provisions within the contract to allow for size and/or dollar thresholds, including the potential of fee variations.
- The inclusion of financial or technical assistance for smaller NPAs to implement the terms of the NPA Agreement.

We understand and appreciate the tight timeframes to have an agreement approved by the Commission. We appreciate your consideration of the items addressed in this letter and look forward to your reply. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Terry Farmer
President & CEO
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cc: Mr. Steve Soroka, President & CEO, SourceAmerica