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U.S. AbilityOne Commission OIG

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# OIG Leadership

Stefania Porter  
Inspector General (Acting)

Steven Burke  
Deputy Inspector General (Acting)





# Roadmap

- Semiannual Report to Congress
  - Issued October 2021
  - Upcoming for April 2022
- Top Management Challenges Report
  - Added Two Watch Items
- In-Person NPA Visits
- Audits: completed and ongoing
- Investigations: completed
- 898 Panel Final Report Issued December 2021





# OIG - Semiannual Report to Congress (SAR)

- SAR issued in October 2021 covered April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021  
Theme: **Resilience and Continuity**
- Previous SAR issued in May 2021 covered October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021  
Theme: **Pivotal Stage**

## Office of Inspector General



Semiannual Report to Congress

April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of Inspector General





# OIG - Semiannual Report to Congress (SAR)

Most recent SAR

April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

<https://abilityone.oversight.gov/reports>

**Office of Inspector General**



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# Top Management Challenges Report – 2021

## OIG issued the TMC Report in November 2021

### 2021 TMC Report:

- Watch List Item 1  
Commission's Application of Protocols and Process to Allow  
Equitable Access for Blind and Significantly Disabled Individuals
- Watch List Item 2  
AbilityOne Program Growth and Resulting Risk





# Top Management Challenges Report – 2021

- Management Challenge 1  
Enhancement of the Commission's Oversight and Compliance Office
- Management Challenge 2  
Breakdowns in Internal Control over Financial Management and Report
- Management Challenge 3  
Growing List of Unimplemented OIG Audit Recommendations
- Management Challenge 4  
Successful Implementation of the Section 898 Panel Recommendations  
Addressing Anti-deficiency Act Violations and Strengthening Financial  
Management





# Top Management Challenges Report – 2021

- Management Challenge 5  
Commission's Allocation of Roles, Resources, Authorities and Responsibilities Among the Commission Senior Staff
- Management Challenge 6  
Higher Level of Transparency Needed to Enhance Confidence in the Program
- Management Challenge 7  
Establishing an Enterprise-Wide Risk Management Framework
- Management Challenge 8  
Implementation of Cooperative Agreements with CNAs
- Management Challenge 9  
Erosion of Statutory Program Authority







# In-Person NPA Visits – Previous SAR Period

OIG completed two knowledge visits with SourceAmerica NPAs in Northern California – during previous SAR reporting period

- **Pride Industries**

- NPA with over 6,000 employees started in 1966 by a small group of parents wanting their disabled children to have vocational and rehabilitation opportunities.
- Toured Travis AFB and met with over a dozen Program participants, and learned about three contracts: custodial, landscaping, and food services.



- **North Bay Industries**

- Founded in 1968 to assist adults with disabilities and provide employment in their communities.
- Demonstrated assistive devices, including automated driving landscaping machinery and flag manufacturing which produces 90,000 American flags a year.





# OIG Biennial Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2020–2021

OIG Audits recently issued:

[Reports | Office of Inspector General \(oversight.gov\)](https://www.oversight.gov)

- Evaluation of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission's Compliance with FISMA for Fiscal Year 2021
- Audit of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021





# OIG Audits Recently Initiated

- Audit of the Commission's Compliance with the Provisions of the Digital Accountability And Transparency Act Of 2014
  - Final Report expected February 2022
- Audit of the AbilityOne Oversight and Compliance Program
  - Final Report expected Spring 2022
- Audit of the Quality of Products in Support of Meeting Government Requirement
  - Entrance conference Fall 2021 – Audit ongoing
- FY2022 Risk Assessment of the Commission's Government Charge Card
  - Entrance conference will be scheduled soon





# Biennial Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2022–2023

- OIG's Biennial Audit Plan issued in June 2021
- Maps out audits OIG plans over the next 2 years (2022-2023)
- OIG utilized a comprehensive risk-based methodology to inform audit planning and future engagements





# Audit of the AbilityOne Compliance Program

- This audit will determine whether the Compliance Program has been implemented effectively to provide reasonable assurance of NPA and CNA compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
- To answer our objective, we will:
  - Review laws, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to the Compliance Program.
  - Conduct interviews with key personnel.
  - Analyze data, reports, and other supporting documentation related to compliance reviews.





# Completed OIG Investigation and DoJ Press Release

## **CW Resources Inc, AbilityOne Contractor, Pays \$600K to Resolve Federal False Claims Act Allegations**

**[Press release](#)** by the Department of Justice - October 13, 2021

To resolve allegations under the False Claims Act, CW Resources has agreed to pay the federal government \$600,000 and enter into a compliance agreement.





# Completed OIG Investigation and DoJ Press Release

## Quote by the Acting Inspector General – AbilityOne OIG

“This settlement represents the government’s commitment to hold any AbilityOne contractor accountable for noncompliance and ensure that federal dollars intended to employ workers who are blind or have significant disabilities are indeed used for that purpose” said Acting Inspector General Stefania Porter of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

“Working with the United States Attorney’s Office and our investigative and law enforcement partners, the AbilityOne Office of Inspector General protects the integrity and public trust in the largest employment program in the nation of blind and significantly disabled workers.”





# 898 Panel Final Report to Congress Dec. 2021

- IG Subcommittee has completed both its 898 Panel recommendations.
- The 898 Panel's Final Report is completed, there are opportunities to identify and leverage recommendations that will continue after sunset of the 898 Panel.
- Key continuation items:
  1. Outreach
  2. Training
  3. Compliance
  4. PLIMS
  5. ABOR Program
  6. Section 508 Compliance
  7. Veterans Employment
  8. Wages and 14(c)







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