

U.S. ABILITYONE COMMISSION
*51.541 – Requirement To Purchase Products On the Procurement List
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APPENDIX B - “Essentially The Same” (ETS) Waiver Request

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The AbilityOne® Program is a mandatory source of supply per FAR 8.7 and generates much needed employment and training opportunities for individuals who are blind or have another significant disability. You can learn more about the AbilityOne Program by visiting www.abilityone.gov.

This form is required to submit a request to purchase a commercial ETS product in lieu of an AbilityOne product. Please fill out all required fields and e-mail the completed form to Mr. Eric Beale at ebeale@abilityone.gov or via facsimile at 703-603-0655. Please include “ETS Waiver Request” in the subject line.

- **Commercial ETS Product Name:** _____

- **Commercial ETS Product Item Number:** _____

- **AbilityOne NSN:** _____

Please provide a detailed explanation of why the AbilityOne product will not meet your need and the commercial ETS product will. *Price is not an accepted reason for a waiver:*

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Federal Customer Information:

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____