

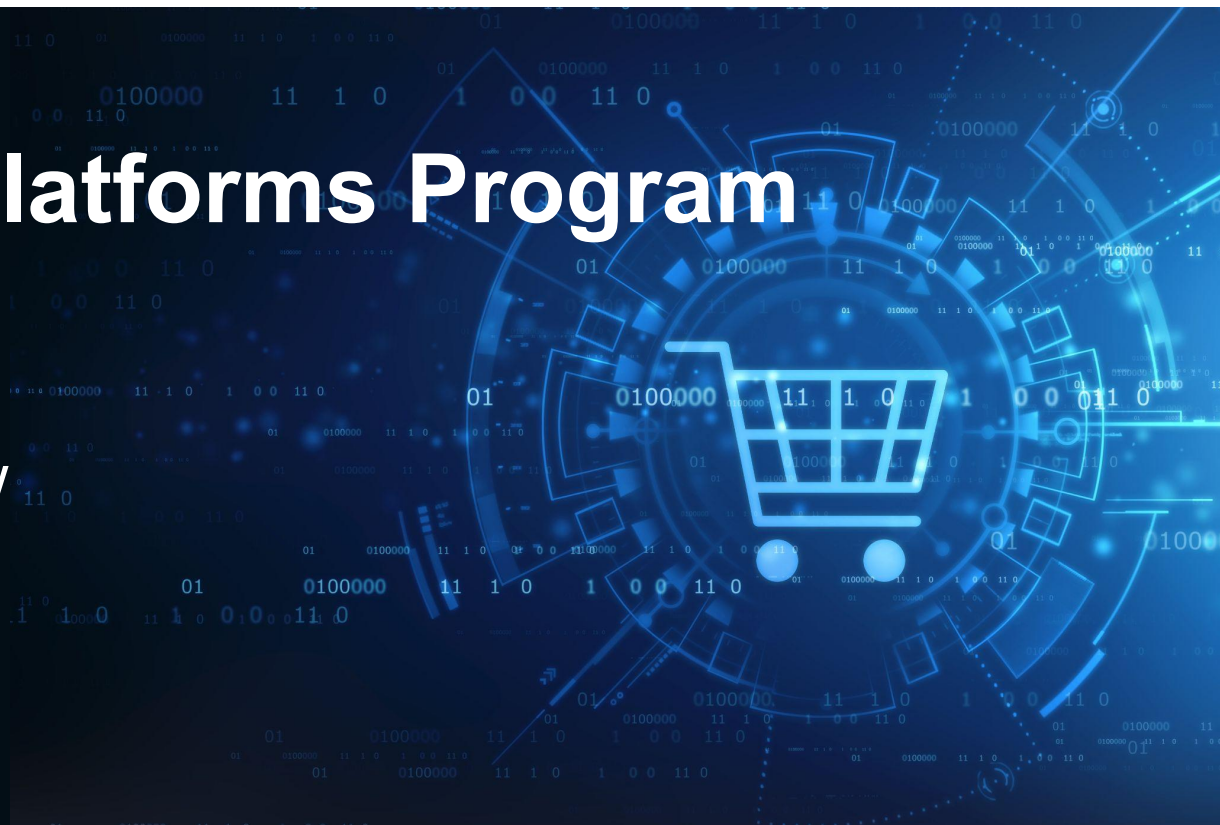


U.S. General Services Administration

Commercial Platforms Program

Introductory Overview

June 2024



The Commercial Platforms **vision:**

Modern, streamlined,
mission-focused purchasing



Modern and streamlined buying experience for routine items with the ability to **influence future platform features** based on feedback from agency cardholders.



Time savings and best value purchasing designed to meet buyer purchasing needs, freeing up time to **focus on mission-oriented work**.



Critical insights into an agency's online spend with features and management controls to **mitigate supply chain risks**, promote purchasing from mandatory sources (e.g. AbilityOne), and **collect small business credit** for eligible purchases.

Contract basics

Parameters

Five year contract

Awarded **March 2024 to 8 platforms**, available to more than 35 agencies and 40,000+ cardholders

No cost contracts for access to the platforms

Platform providers are **Section 889** certified

Requirements

More robust **AbilityOne** features

Automatic **tax exemption**

Dynamic, real-time pricing with **no minimum order quantities**

In-stock availability for products

Filters available for small business and green products

Data

Monthly **data reporting** (20+ elements) for upload to D2D dashboards, with the addition of Mfr Part Number, Platform Part Number, Agency hierarchy data (TDR)

SBA can use platform data to approve **small business credit**

Awarded platforms

DOC-selected
platforms *(see overview
slides at back of
presentation)*

The Amazon Business logo, featuring the word "amazon" in blue with a curved arrow underneath, and the word "business" in blue to its right.The Staples logo, featuring a red icon of a corner bracket followed by the word "Staples" in red. A small blue asterisk is located in the top right corner of the white box containing the logo.The Fisher Scientific logo, featuring a blue circle with a white "F" inside, followed by the word "fisher" in blue and "scientific" in grey. Below this, it says "part of Thermo Fisher Scientific" in a smaller grey font.The Noble logo, featuring a red icon of a stylized "N" followed by the word "NOBLE" in black. A small blue asterisk is located in the top right corner of the white box containing the logo.The Grainger logo, featuring the word "GRAINGER" in bold black letters with a registered trademark symbol. Below it is a red banner with white text that reads "FOR THE ONES WHO GET IT DONE". A small blue asterisk is located in the bottom right corner of the white box containing the logo.

Key areas of program support

Mandatory and preferred sources

Easy to use product filters for AbilityOne, small business, and “green”. **DOC credit available for eligible SAM-certified small business spend on Amazon Business and NOBLE.**



Supply chain and cyber risk management

Section 889 is incorporated into each platform’s contract, as the contract holder. SCRM and counterfeit protection are built in allowing purchasers to shop and purchase with confidence.



SECTION 889

Standard platform features

- ✓ Automatic tax exemption
- ✓ No minimum order quantities
- ✓ Real time inventory information
- ✓ Reconciliation documentation
- ✓ Dedicated customer service



When to use the Commercial Platforms program?



1

Review **mandatory** sources
FAR 8.002

Personal Property Management System

UNICOR *mandatory source for purchases over \$3,500 unless a waiver is granted by DOJ

AbilityOne Program

GSA Global Supply

2

Review **preferred** sources according to FAR 8.004(a)

Multiple Award Schedules

Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative

GSA Advantage *GSA recommends prioritizing GSA Advantage over Commercial Platforms due to additional compliance benefits provided

Commercial Platforms program

3

Review **commercial open market** sources as a final step
FAR 8.004(b)

Buyers are advised to only purchase open market after effective market research and all lower priority sources are exhausted.

Key Takeaway:

Agencies have access to a **higher buying priority** per FAR part 8.004(a) by participating in the **Commercial Platforms program** versus open- market sources.

***Please note:** You must follow existing purchase card policies and agency-specific policies when using your government purchase card.*

The Commercial Platforms (CP) program is authorized for use exclusively by participating federal agencies and only for purchases in support of that agency's mission. **Use of the program for personal purchases is expressly prohibited.**

Training support



We host virtual “**Meet the Platform**” demo sessions with awarded online platforms using Zoom for government.

These sessions provide cardholders with an in-depth look at each platform, and an opportunity to meet and ask questions of representatives from each platform.

Topics include **account management, market research capabilities, order placement and management, platform enhancements, and GPC reconciliation capabilities.**

Cardholders can sign up for these demo sessions on the [GSA Commercial Platforms website](#).

Sessions are **recorded** and available for later viewing for those who sign up.

Thank you!



Commercial Platforms website:
www.gsa.gov/commercialplatforms



Program inbox:
CommercialPlatforms@gsa.gov

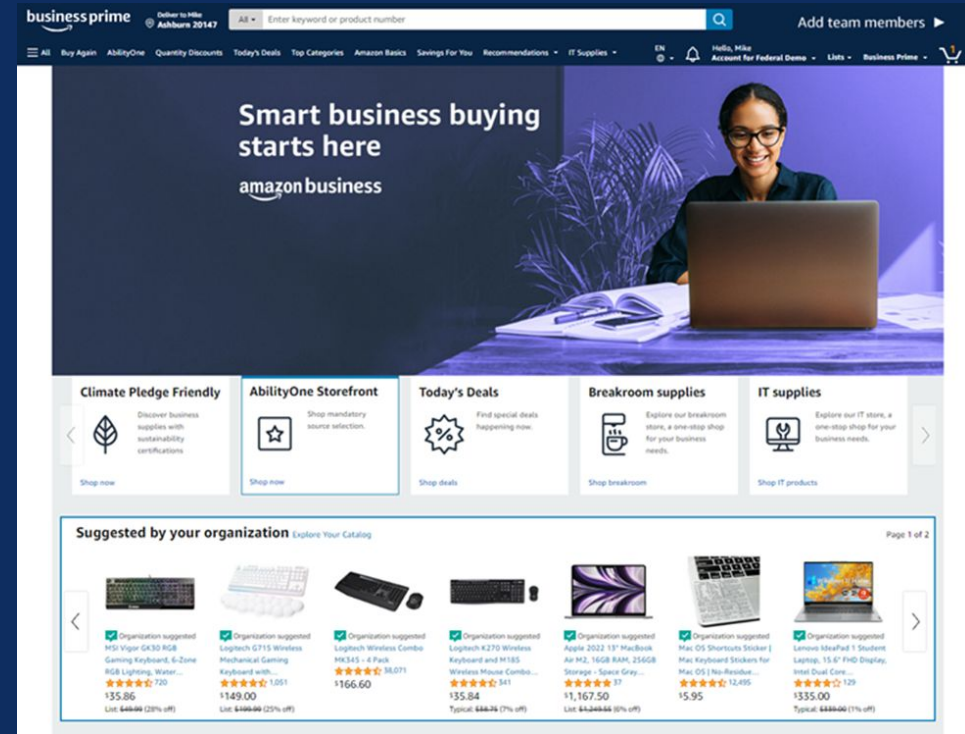


Amazon Business leverages Amazon's vast logistics network and e-commerce expertise to provide the same familiar, efficient, and user-friendly purchasing experience as your home shopping experience. In addition, it provides features tailored for government customers such as tax exemption, multiple users/groups, business pricing, tiered quantity discounts, rebates, and mandatory source items.

Platform Type: Large business

Seller Profile: 1st party (platform as seller)
3rd party sellers (both large and small)

UEI: TMKBFBRHFKH3 ([Link on SAM.gov](#))



business.amazon.com



Product categories

Facilities & Construction
Industrial Products & Services
Information Technology
Office Management
Scientific & Medical
Security & Protection

Geographic territories

US, CA, MX, FR, IT, ES, DE,
UK, JP, and IN

APO, FPO and DPO

Shipping timelines

Prime eligible items typically 1-2
days / FREE Same-Day and
One-Day may be available

Small Business offering

Amazon Business's Diversity Certifications Policies can help you connect with businesses identified as small, minority, woman, veteran, and LGBT-owned.

889 certification process

Amazon Business's help page offers [information](#) on its 889 certification.

\$74.75

FREE delivery **Tomorrow**. Order within 3 hrs 42 mins. Details

Deliver to Federal - Ashburn 20147

In Stock

Qty:

Buying in bulk?

[Add to Cart](#)

[Buy Now](#)

Secure transaction

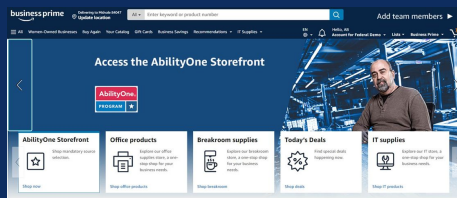
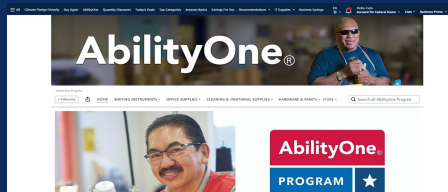
Ships from and sold by Aventis Systems.

Seller Credentials:
Registered Small Business, 889 certification

Quality, Diversity, Federal Certifications and Credentials		Registered Small Business (pdf)
		889 certification (pdf)
		For additional information, see Amazon's Seller Certification and Credential Program.
Seller Type	Retailer	
Number of Employees	11 - 50	

Amazon Business makes many 3rd party sellers' 889 certifications available on its site, regularly updated via integrations with SAM.gov. Amazon Business also has the ability to support sellers attesting to 889 directly.

AbilityOne support



AbilityOne storefront, product filters, and item badges

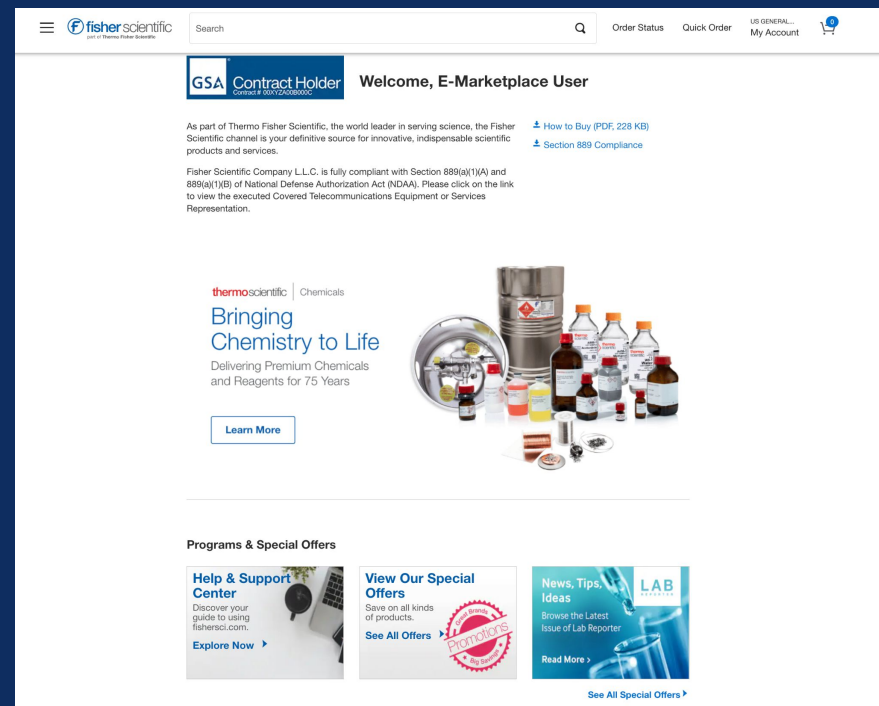


As part of Thermo Fisher Scientific, the world leader in serving science, the **Fisher Scientific** channel is your definitive source for innovative, indispensable scientific products and services. Fisher Scientific offers multiple categories including laboratory equipment and instruments, lab consumables and chemicals, safety, PPE, lab furniture & storage, and life science products.

Platform Type: Large business

Seller Profile: 1st party (platform is seller)

UEI: HE7NJQGP4ED6 ([Link on SAM.gov](#))



www.fishersci.com

Product categories

Facilities & Construction
Industrial Products & Services
Scientific & Medical
Security & Protection

Geographic territories

CONUS and OCONUS, with the ability to export products globally

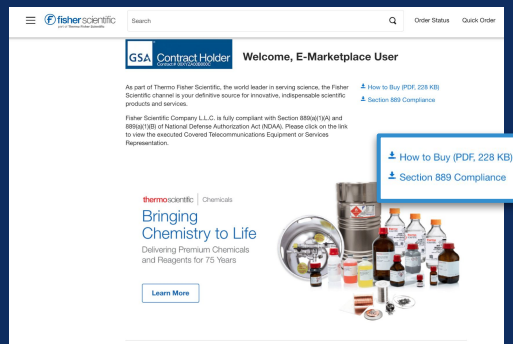
Shipping timelines

1-3 business day delivery for in-stock items

Small Business offering

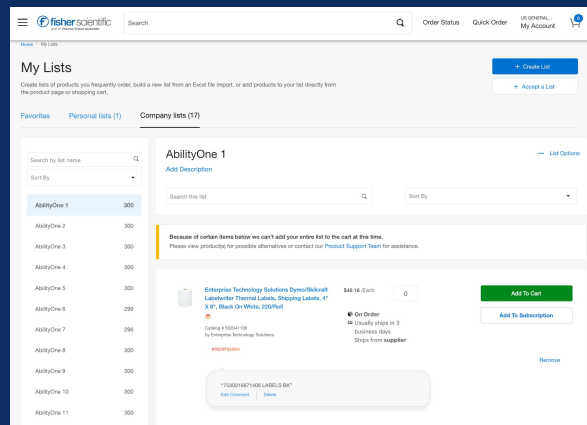
Fisher Scientific can provide Tier 1 and Tier 2 reports (as requested) and has partnerships with a variety of certified SBA small businesses.

889 certification process



Fisher Scientific's certification is available on the homepage and covers all products on its website

AbilityOne support



AbilityOne lists, product filters, ETS blocking, and item badges



Grainger has been a long-trusted source for Federal customers. Buyers can shop easily, order effortlessly, and manage their accounts efficiently while accessing a full catalog of Grainger and AbilityOne items through Grainger.com. Agencies will have access to 1.5M+ products across 32 product categories including support for agency Safety, Maintenance Repair and Operations, and Industrial Supply related mission needs.

Platform Type: Large business

Seller Profile: 1st party (platform is seller)

UEI: DBQGN324ULK3 ([Link on SAM.gov](https://sam.gov))

The screenshot shows the Grainger website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links for Catalog, Find A Branch, KeepStock, Help, and 1-800-GRAINGER. On the right are links for Register and Sign In. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter keyword, item, model or part #' and a search icon. To the right of the search bar are links for Bulk Order and My Account. Below the search bar is a promotional banner with three sections: 'For Those Thinking Spring' (with a leaf icon), 'For Sustainability' (with a solar panel icon), and 'For the Safety Minded' (with a worker icon). Below the banner is a section titled 'The One Item You Need + 1.5 Million More' with a link to 'View All Product Categories'. This section contains a grid of 21 product categories, each with an icon and a label: Safety & Security, Lighting & Electrical, Tools & Test Instruments, Cleaning & Janitorial, HVAC, Pipes, Hose, Tube & Fittings, Plumbing & Pumps, Metalworking & Fabrication, Motors & Power Transmission, Pneumatics & Hydraulics, Material Handling, Packaging & Shipping, Fasteners, Hardware & Raw Materials, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Tapes, Adhesives & Lubricants, Fleet & Vehicle Maintenance, and Lab, Office & Hospitality Supplies. Below the grid is a section titled 'Supplies and Solutions for Every Industry' with three sub-sections: 'Grainger KnowHow' (with a gear icon), 'Product Collections' (with a gear icon), and 'Services and Solutions' (with a person icon). Each sub-section has a brief description and a list of links. At the bottom of the page is a small footer with a paragraph of text about Grainger's history and services.

www.grainger.com



Product categories

Facilities & Construction
Industrial Products & Services
Scientific & Medical
Security & Protection

Geographic territories

CONUS and OCONUS. Additional shipping fees may apply for OCONUS locations.

Shipping timelines

1-3 days lead time to the contiguous U.S.

98% of in stock items ship same day on orders received by 5 p.m.

Small Business offering

Grainger's Supplier Diversity Program is profiled throughout Grainger.com with a Supplier Diversity Symbol indicator for qualifying items as well as a filtering feature. This program is represented across >700K items and > 2800 small and/or diverse suppliers which represents >\$2B in spend.

889 certification process

Grainger certifies Section 889 compliance daily in SAM.gov which covers all products listed on the site. Our federal customers can request a copy of the 889 form by emailing our Federal Customer Support Team at: FedGovSupport@grainger.com

Section 889 PDF is available at:

889.smartpay.gsa.gov/#/search/grainger

AbilityOne support

Grainger is an authorized AbilityOne distributor

The image displays two screenshots of the Grainger website. The left screenshot shows search results for 'AbilityOne' with filters for 'Brand', 'Price', and 'Quantity'. The right screenshot shows a grid of product categories with item badges, including 'Electrical', 'Plumbing', 'HVAC', 'Tools', 'Safety', 'Paint', 'Fluids', 'Fasteners', 'Wire', 'Cables', 'Connectors', 'Switches', 'Relays', 'Motors', 'Pumps', 'Compressors', 'Generators', 'Inverters', 'Converters', 'Transformers', 'Capacitors', 'Inductors', 'Resistors', 'Diodes', 'Transistors', 'ICs', 'Modules', ' Kits', 'Assemblies', 'Components', 'Parts', 'Accessories', 'Supplies', 'Materials', 'Hardware', 'Fasteners', 'Tools', 'Equipment', 'Machinery', 'Vehicles', 'Trucks', 'Tractors', 'Cranes', 'Hoists', 'Conveyors', 'Pallet Jacks', 'Forklifts', 'Scissors Lifts', 'Aerial Work Platforms', 'Generators', 'Inverters', 'Converters', 'Transformers', 'Capacitors', 'Inductors', 'Resistors', 'Diodes', 'Transistors', 'ICs', 'Modules', ' Kits', 'Assemblies', 'Components', 'Parts', 'Accessories', 'Supplies', 'Materials', 'Hardware', 'Fasteners', 'Tools', 'Equipment', 'Machinery', 'Vehicles', 'Trucks', 'Tractors', 'Cranes', 'Hoists', 'Conveyors', 'Pallet Jacks', 'Forklifts', 'Scissors Lifts', 'Aerial Work Platforms'.

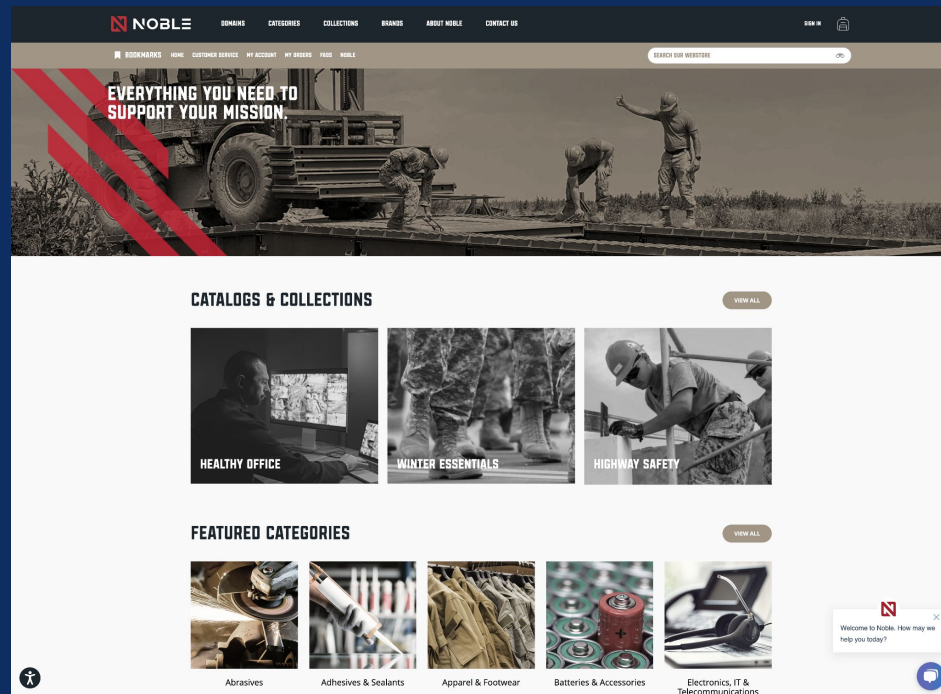


NOBLE Supply and Logistics features industrial and office management products from 15,000 suppliers. The website allows for the prioritization of mandatory sources (AbilityOne) and the easy identification of environmentally sustainable items and products manufactured by small business concerns.

Platform Type: Small business

Seller Profile: 1st party (platform is seller)

UEI: YLE5AAYNVPK6 ([Link on SAM.gov](#))



shop.noble.com



Product categories

Facilities & Construction
Industrial Products & Services
Office Management
Scientific & Medical
Security & Protection

Geographic territories

Shipping to Government facilities
both CONUS and OCONUS.
Customer Support available for
assistance with OCONUS shipments.

Shipping timelines

In-stock orders are typically
delivered within 4-10 business days.

Small Business offering

As a small business itself, NOBLE supports purchasing products from small businesses and includes many small businesses in its supply chain. Each purchase from NOBLE is eligible for consideration towards an agency's small business goals.

889 certification process

A screenshot of the NOBLE website's 'Section 889 Certification' page. The header includes the NOBLE logo and the tagline 'MISSION POSSIBLE'. The main heading is 'SECTION 889 CERTIFICATION'. Below it, a sub-heading reads 'NOBLE 889 Compliance'. The text states: 'NOBLE SUPPLY & LOGISTICS LLC is a registered company in the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM). As part of our SAM registration, we certified that we will not provide any covered telecommunication and video surveillance equipment in the performance of our contracts. Nor does NOBLE use any covered telecommunication equipment as a component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Our 889 Compliance certification can be viewed on our website at the following link: <https://www.noble.com/889-compliance>'. Below this, it says 'SHOPNOBLE.COM provides access to purchase products and services from a variety of suppliers, with emphasis on AbilityOne suppliers.' and 'You can access our SAM certifications relating to Section 889 at the government's SAM website, www.sam.gov.' The background of the text area features a grayscale image of a classical building with columns and an American flag.

Noble's 889 certification covers all items on its site

AbilityOne support

A screenshot of the NOBLE website's 'AbilityOne' section. The header includes the NOBLE logo and the tagline 'MISSION POSSIBLE'. The main heading is 'ABILITYONE'. Below it, a sub-heading reads 'NOBLE IS PROUD TO SPONSOR THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM'. The text states: 'Our customers, suppliers and employees appreciate the extensive training and support that enables them to deliver the highest quality products. WE DELIVER ABILITYONE PRODUCTS TO GOVERNMENT CUSTOMERS WORLDWIDE. From one package to a full cargo plane, NOBLE quickly and efficiently moves supplies to remote locations using our network of warehousing facilities and proven carrier partners. NOBLE maintains an extensive global network of operation centers and distribution centers in addition to a number of military storefronts. We are well positioned to offer global distribution of AbilityOne products.' Below this, there is a photo of a man in a warehouse. To the right, there is a section titled 'SHOPPING FOR ABILITYONE PRODUCTS' which shows a search bar and a list of products. One product is highlighted with a red circle, showing its price as '\$10.50'. The background of the text area features a grayscale image of a classical building with columns and an American flag.

*NOBLE
is an
authorized
AbilityOne
distributor*

*AbilityOne
product filters,
ETS blocking,
and item badges*



Staples has decades of experience supporting agency missions and furthering GPC holder efficiency. Industry-leading StaplesAdvantage.com offers a broad assortment of products, combined with a dedicated customer service team, best-in-class supply chain, mission-oriented compliance, negotiated pricing, and environmentally preferred products.

Platform Type: Large business

Seller Profile: 1st party (platform is seller)

UEI: FGFCWE45JBW4 ([Link on SAM.gov](#))

staplesadvantage.com



Product categories

Facilities & Construction
Industrial Products & Services
Information Technology
Office Management
Scientific & Medical
Security & Protection

Geographic territories

CONUS

Shipping timelines

Next Day Delivery available to 98% of the U.S.

Small Business offering

Staples creates opportunities to promote small businesses growth and offer solutions to support our customers socioeconomic spend initiatives.

889 certification process

Commercial Platform Contract # 47QSCC24D000G
MAS Contract # 47QSEA19D008T

Staples Business Advantage is a proud GSA Awardee with a robust federal supply program.

Federal ID 04-3390816 | **UEI** FGFCWE45JBW4 | **DUNS** 942-603-358

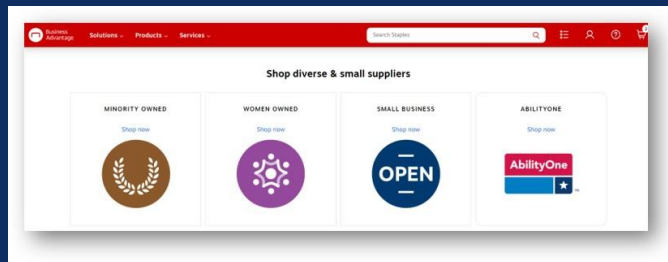
[Section 889 Certifications](#)

[View details](#)

Staples Section 889 certifications can be found on the following page,

<https://www.staplesadvantage.com/learn/industries-served/government-agencies>, under "Section 889 Certifications" and within the "View details" button on page 8 of the PDF document.

AbilityOne support



Staples is an authorized AbilityOne distributor

AbilityOne storefront, product filters, ETS blocking, and item badges