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Sent via email: [ashton.carter@osd.mil](mailto:ashton.carter@osd.mil)  
The Honorable Ashton B. Carter  
Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
Acquisition, Technology and Logistics  
United States Department of Defense  
Washington, DC

Re: Letter of Support for Wiscraft

Dear Dr Carter:

National Industries for the Blind (NIB) would like to offer support for our associated nonprofit agency, Wiscraft of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NIB is one of the two Central Nonprofit Agencies (CNAs) designated by the Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee) to assist approximately 88 associated nonprofit agencies for the blind located throughout the country to participate in the AbilityOne program authorized by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act (41 USC 46-48c.) The AbilityOne program harnesses the buying power of the federal government to create quality jobs for people who are blind or severely disabled. NIB and its associated nonprofit agencies currently employ approximately 5,600 blind individuals producing SKILCRAFT® and other products and providing services to the federal government pursuant to the JWOD Act as well as providing them to the commercial marketplace.

Wiscraft has been working with a company called Infrastructure Defense Technologies (IDT) in their bid to provide Expeditionary Earth Filled Protective Barriers, Solicitation SPM8E6-08-R-0061, in support of our military operations overseas. IDT has committed to Wiscraft that should they receive the contract, Wiscraft will receive a subcontract for the pin component. Wiscraft believes that this subcontract would create 6 new jobs for people who are blind.

Similar programs and efforts produced great results. The almost 6,000 legally blind or blind employees continuously produce high quality products for federal government and commercial clients. Awareness and confidence yields independence. We appreciate the opportunity to support Wiscraft. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin A. Lynch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kevin A. Lynch  
cc: James Kerlin, Wiscraft

