



**Press Release:** ECVC's President, Daneel le Roux, and Rebecca Ives, manager of Fine Finishes a Division of ECVC, received awards in Washington, DC June 13, 2007 from NIB (National Industries for the Blind) and NISH (National Industries for the Severely Handicapped). The award, for both, was for exceptional support of the AbilityOne Congressional Champion Award Program.

In 1938, Congress created the Wagner-O'Day Act to enable agencies serving people who were blind to sell products to the federal government. Because of its success in providing jobs to people with visual disabilities, in 1971, Senator Jacob Javits led an effort to amend the original act to permit Americans with other severe disabilities to also benefit from the program. The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act was created, and the JWOD Program was formed.

Today, the program is known as AbilityOne. It stands as a model, enabling people who are blind or have other disabilities to be employed through community-based organizations, such as ECVC, to provide quality, on-time products and services to the federal government.

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Pictured (L to R) – Dan le Roux, Rebecca Ives with NISH President, Bob Chamberlain