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OCI Begins Food Service Contract at Dover Air Force Base

Wilmington, DE—On October 31, OCI successfully began a food service contract at Dover Air Force Base serving approximately 350 service men and women daily. This is the second AbilityOne food service contract for OCI.

The contract employs 31 individuals working as food service attendants and cashiers. In the event that the military chefs are deployed or if there is a national emergency, OCI also assists with the cooking. Normal dining hall service at Dover's Patterson Dining Hall consists of four meal periods a day, seven days a week with some special meals for visiting dignitaries. On November 7 and 8, the OCI team faced its first major hurdle with the weekend drill of the Unit Training Assembly (UTA) of the US Air Force. The team was responsible for serving over 1,000 reservists and responded with quick, friendly and efficient service.

“Our team has received positive marks for their initial performance and continue to strive for 100 percent satisfaction,” said Lou DeYenno, OCI's Business Operations Manager. “We are honored to have this opportunity to serve our servicemen and women at Dover Air Force Base and will continually work to provide exemplary service to those who dine at our facility.”

OCI began its first AbilityOne contract in the food service line in June 2007 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The operation provides jobs for 22 people with disabilities. Last year, OCI employees served 450,000 meals to military personnel who receive training there.

As one of the largest employers of people with disabilities in Delaware, OCI directly employs nearly 100 people with disabilities and serves more than 500 people with disabilities through various rehabilitation, employment and training programs. Learn more about OCI at <http://oci.ourpeoplework.org>.

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