Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program: The Approval of Services Offered by Community Rehabilitation Programs Discussion Paper

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Background

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. TWC's Chapter 806 Purchases of Products and Services from People with Disabilities rule §806.52(c) requires that TWC determine the fair market price of all services provided by individuals with disabilities and offered for sale to state agencies and political subdivisions by Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) participating in the PPD program. The fair market price is determined by state agency negotiations between the Central Nonprofit Agency (CNA) and the CRP for each service contract required. PPD staff then reviews the CNA contract submission to determine projected cost-analysis ratios, such as percentage of disabled labor and wages, and to ensure that administrative and product costs are met. TWC staff reviews CRP submissions to determine if they meet this requirement before submitting to TWC's three-member Commission for approval.

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Issue

CRPs have presented temporary, new, renewal, and transferred service contracts, as well as one CRP addition to an existing contract, to TWC for approval. Details of these contracts are as follows:

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• Service Contracts Completed Under Temporary Approval Authority

- There are 29 contracts totaling \$171,300.51.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$76,524.64.
- > The estimated number of individuals with disabilities on contract is 98.
- Individuals with disabilities are paid above minimum wage.

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• Temporary Service Contracts Exception

- ➤ There are three contracts totaling \$2,129.41.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$1,170.44.
- The estimated number of individuals with disabilities is six.
- ➤ Individuals with disabilities are paid above minimum wage.

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• New Service Contracts

- > There are 31 contracts totaling \$1,847,911.20.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$865,072.73.
- > The estimated number of individuals with disabilities employed is 160.
- > Individuals with disabilities are paid above minimum wage.

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• New Service Contracts Exception Report

- There are two contracts totaling \$16,900.00.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$3,705.89.
- The estimated number of individuals with disabilities employed is five.
 - ➤ Individuals with disabilities are paid above minimum wage.

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• Renewal Service Contracts

- ➤ There are 415 contracts totaling \$33,104,495.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$17,124,350.
- The estimated number of individuals with disabilities employed is 1,769.
 - ➤ Individuals with disabilities are paid minimum wage or above.

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• Renewal Service Contracts Exception Report

- There are 22 contracts totaling \$7,786,084.70.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$3,211,390.40.
- The estimated number of individuals with disabilities employed is 89.
 - ➤ Individuals with disabilities are paid minimum wage or above.

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• Transfer Contracts

- There are 14 contracts totaling \$2,569,397.40.
- Estimated wages paid to individuals with disabilities total \$1,461,414.80.
- The estimated number of individuals with disabilities employed is 80.
- 17 Individuals with disabilities are paid above minimum wage.
 - This is an addition of a new CRP and CRP pricing to the existing document destruction services contract.
 - ➤ There is an addition of Goodwill Tyler as a provider of document destruction services to the existing contract.

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Decision Point

24 Staff seeks direction on approving service contracts offered by certified CRPs.

Service Contracts Summary

I. Service Contracts Completed Under Temporary Approval Authority

Twenty-nine contracts are approved under temporary approval authority. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is 98. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$76,524.64. The total amount of the contracts is \$171,300.51. All contracts paid employees above the minimum wage.

II. Temporary Service Contracts Exception

Three contracts are listed on the Exception Report for approval. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is six. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$1,170.44. The total amount of the contracts is \$2,129.41. All contracts paid employees above the minimum wage.

III. New Service Contracts

There are 31 new contracts for approval. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is 160. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$865,072.73. The total amount of the contracts is \$1,847,911.20. All contracts paid employees above the minimum wage.

IV. New Service Contracts Exception Report

There are two contracts listed on the Exception Report for approval. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is five. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$3,705.89. The total amount of the contracts is \$16,900.00. All contracts paid employees above the minimum wage.

V. Renewal Service Contracts

There are 415 service contracts listed for approval. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is 1,769. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$17,124,350.00. The total amount of the contracts is \$33,104,495. All contracts paid employees at or above the minimum wage.

VI. Renewal Service Contracts Exception Report

There were 22 service contracts listed for approval. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is 89. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$3,211,390.40. The total amount of the contracts is \$7,786,084.70. All contracts paid employees at or above the minimum wage.

VII. Transfer Contracts

There were 14 transfer contracts listed for approval. The total number of People with Disabilities Employed is 80. The total paid to individuals with disabilities is \$1,461,414.80. The total contract amount was \$2,569,397.40. All contracts paid employees above the minimum wage.

VIII. Addition of Community Rehabilitation Program to Document Destruction Contract 962-M9

Goodwill Tyler is seeking approval to be added as a provider of document destruction services under the contract with the state Comptroller's office. The Comptroller has approved this addition to the contract.