

Funding Available for Entities that will Partner with RSC to Provide Employment Services for Ohioans with Disabilities

RSC seeking additional partnerships that will generate career opportunities for citizens with most significant disabilities

COLUMBUS (November 4, 2010) - The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) is accepting proposals for projects that will help coordinate specialized, long-term local employment services for Ohioans with disabilities. RSC is the state agency that partners with Ohioans with disabilities to achieve quality employment, independence and benefits.

To be considered for funding, projects must be partnerships between RSC and state/local government entities or state/local education agencies skilled in providing vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to individuals with the most significant disabilities. Such partnerships are the focus of RSC's VRP3 Program, through which the agency establishes cooperative agreements that generate new, high-quality VR programs and maximize federal match funding for Ohio.

RSC is specifically looking for creative vocational rehabilitation proposals that will increase the number of Ohio citizens with the most significant disabilities securing and sustaining employment. Projects should target specific specialized populations to be served within a particular geographic area. Proposals will be accepted for a variety of projects, including those that target youth with developmental disabilities; veterans; adults with traumatic brain injury, developmental disabilities, vision impairments or mental health issues and other disability groups. Examples of current VRP3 projects can be seen at www.rsc.ohio.gov.

VRP3 applicants must demonstrate in their proposals that they are appropriately accredited in accordance with federal and state regulations to provide the proposed vocational rehabilitation services. Proposals must be submitted via email by 5 p.m. on January 21, 2011 to Stacy Snyder, stacy.snyder@rsc.ohio.gov. A copy of the request for proposals is available at www.rsc.ohio.gov.

For more information about the VRP3 Program or proposal submission, contact Leslie Minnich at 614.438.1213 or leslie.minnich@rsc.ohio.gov.

About Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission

The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission is the state agency charged with partnering with Ohioans with disabilities to obtain or retain jobs, achieve independence and Social Security disability determination outcomes. The Commission accomplishes its mission through partnerships with community rehabilitation programs and vocational rehabilitation professionals across the state. Visit us at www.rsc.ohio.gov.

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