Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program

Approval of Products Offered by Community Rehabilitation Programs

Discussion Paper

# Background

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. Texas Human Resources Code Chapter 122.007 requires TWC to determine the fair market price of all products manufactured or 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 PPD program, with assistance from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, reviews the cost analysis for new and revised product pricing submitted by the Central Nonprofit Agency on behalf of CRPs participating in the program. TWC’s Chapter 806 Purchases of Products and Services from People with Disabilities rule §806.52 requires the comptroller to provide the PPD program with the necessary information and resources to comply with Chapter 122.007 to determine fair market price of products sold to state agencies or political subdivisions.

# Issue

## New Products

Seven CRPs presented 39 new products to be purchased through the PPD program.

* Individuals with disabilities are paid above minimum wage.
* Prices are competitive.

## Product Price Revisions

Eight CRPs presented 48 products with varied price revisions to be purchased through the PPD program.

* Individuals with disabilities are paid minimum wage or above.
* Prices are competitive.

# Decision Point

Staff seeks direction on approving 39 new products presented by seven CRPs and 48 product price revisions presented by eight CRPs.