

1 **Approval of Community Rehabilitation Programs**
2 **to Participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program**
3 **Discussion Paper**
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6 **Background**

7 Texas Human Resources Code §122.013 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to
8 establish rules for the certification of Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) to participate
9 in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. Texas Administrative Code
10 Chapter 806 Purchases of Products and Services from People with Disabilities rule §806.41
11 establishes requirements for participation in the program and subsequent adherence to those
12 requirements once a CRP has been certified. A CRP must reapply every three years before the
13 expiration date listed on its certification to continue participating in the program. PPD staff
14 reviews each completed application and all required documentation, and, once the materials are
15 deemed acceptable, staff presents the application to TWC’s three-member Commission for
16 approval.
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18 **Issue**

19 PPD program staff reviewed the applications of one new CRP seeking first-time certification and
20 eight CRPs seeking to continue in the program through recertification. All CRPs will pay
21 minimum wage or higher.
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23 **New Certification**

24 **1. Infinity Gardens (Houston)**

- 25 • No current contracts
 - 26 • Services to be offered: Janitorial services
 - 27 • Products: N/A
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29 **Recertifications**

30 **1. Xceed Resources (El Paso)**

- 31 • Services: Litter removal, landscaping
- 32 • Products: N/A
- 33 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024): 57
- 34 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$13.01 per hour
- 35 • Certification date: September 2003
- 36 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 37 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.
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39 **2. Envision/Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind (Farmers Branch)**

- 40 • Services: Call center services
- 41 • Products: N/A
- 42 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 61
- 43 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$15.15 per hour
- 44 • Certification date: September 2003

- 1 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 2 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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4 **3. Goodwill Industries of Lubbock (Lubbock)**

- 5 • Services: Document destruction services
- 6 • Products: N/A
- 7 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 18
- 8 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$14.46 per hour
- 9 • Certification date: August 2009
- 10 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 11 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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13 **4. Goodwill Temporary Services, Inc. (Austin)**

- 14 • Services: Mail services, janitorial services
- 15 • Products: N/A
- 16 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 530
- 17 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$30.84 per hour
- 18 • Certification date: September 2003
- 19 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 39
- 20 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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22 **5. Rising Star Resource Development Corporation (Dallas)**

- 23 • Services: Facility support services, temporary staffing
- 24 • Products: N/A
- 25 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 71
- 26 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$18.00 per hour
- 27 • Certification date: December 2009
- 28 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 29 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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31 **6. Travis Association for the Blind (Austin)**

- 32 • Services: N/A
- 33 • Products: Various types of cleaning solutions, belt riggers
- 34 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 34
- 35 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$18.40 per hour
- 36 • Certification date: September 2003
- 37 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 38 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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40 **7. Tex-Spice (Devine)**

- 41 • Services: Spice production
- 42 • Products: Headphones
- 43 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 18
- 44 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$8.84 per hour

- 1 • Certification date: September 2003
- 2 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 3 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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5 **8. Saumya (Huntsville)**

- 6 • Services: Litter pickup, mowing services, window cleaning
- 7 • Products: N/A
- 8 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY 2024: 16
- 9 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$18.36 per hour
- 10 • Certification date: December 2021
- 11 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 1
- 12 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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14 **Recommendation**

15 Staff recommends certifying one new CRP and recertifying eight existing CRPs for participation
16 in the PPD program.