

**Approval of Community Rehabilitation Programs
to Participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program
Discussion Paper**

Background

Texas Human Resources Code §122.013 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to establish rules for the certification of Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) to participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. Title 40, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Part 20, Chapter 806, Purchases of Products and Services from People with Disabilities §806.41, establishes the requirements for program participation and for maintaining compliance once a CRP has been certified. To continue participating in the program, a CRP must reapply every three years before its certification expiration date. PPD staff reviews each completed application and all required documentation. Once the materials are deemed acceptable, staff presents the application to TWC's three-member Commission for approval.

Issue

PPD staff reviewed the applications of three new CRPs seeking first-time certification and three CRPs seeking to continue in the program through recertification. All CRPs will pay minimum wage or higher.

New Certifications

1. CD Johnson, Inc. (Huntsville)

Services to be offered: Litter pickup and removal

2. Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (Austin)

Services to be offered: Janitorial and maintenance

3. Lexi Barnett Foundation (La Marque)

Services to be offered: Litter pickup, janitorial, and lawncare

Recertifications

1. Bootstraps Occupational Services, Inc. (Crawford)

- Services: Litter removal, picnic and rest area maintenance, landscape maintenance
- Products: N/A
- Number of employees on PPD contracts for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025: 18
- Wages and benefits paid September 2024–August 2025: Averaging \$17.38 per hour
- Original certification date: April 2011
- Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY 2025: 0
- State Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax status: Current

2. The Homestead Community Development Corporation (Houston)

- Services: N/A
- Products: Assembly of various products
- No contracts in FY 2025

1 **3. Spanglish Foundation (Belton)**

- 2 • Services: Janitorial, landscaping, and mowing
- 3 • Products: N/A
- 4 • Number of employees on PPD contracts for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025: 4
- 5 • Wages and benefits paid September 2024–August 2025: Averaging \$20.29 per hour
- 6 • Original certification date: July 2023
- 7 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY 2025: 0
- 8 • State Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax status: Current

9 **Recommendation**

10 Staff recommends certifying three new CRPs and recertifying three existing CRPs for

11 participation in the PPD program.