| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Approval of Community Rehabilitation Programs to Participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program Discussion Paper |
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| 5                | Background                                                                                                                            |
| 6                | Texas Human Resources Code §122.013 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to                                                  |
| 7                | establish rules for the certification of Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) to participate                                      |
| 8                | in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. TWC Chapter 806 Purchases of                                           |
| 9                | Products and Services from People with Disabilities rule §806.41 establishes requirements for                                         |
| 10               | participation in the program and subsequent adherence to those requirements when a CRP has                                            |
| 1                | been certified. CRPs must reapply every three years before the expiration date on the certificate.                                    |
| 2                | PPD staff reviews each completed application and required documentation and, if acceptable,                                           |
| 13               | presents the applicants to TWC's three-member Commission for approval.                                                                |
| L4               | Issue                                                                                                                                 |
| l5               | The PPD program has reviewed the applications for the following six CRPs seeking to continue                                          |
| l6               | participation in the program though recertification. All CRPs pay minimum wage or higher.                                             |
| L7               | Beacon Lighthouse, Inc. (Wichita Falls, Texas)                                                                                        |
| 18               | <ul> <li>Products: Toner cartridges, floor pads, reflective sheets, tools, safety lights</li> </ul>                                   |
| 19               | Certification date: 9/2003                                                                                                            |
| 20               | ➤ Integrated employment: 0 employees                                                                                                  |
| 21               | Beaumont Products and Services, Inc. (Beaumont, Texas)                                                                                |
| 22               | Services: Lawn maintenance, litter pickup                                                                                             |
| 23               | Certification date: 9/2003                                                                                                            |
| 24               | ➤ Integrated employment: 0 employees                                                                                                  |
| 25               | Burke Center (Lufkin, Texas)                                                                                                          |
| 26               | Services: Litter pickup, janitorial services                                                                                          |
| 27               | Certification date: 9/2003                                                                                                            |
| 28               | ➤ Integrated employment: 0 employees                                                                                                  |
| 29               | • East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind (Tyler, Texas)                                                                                  |
| 30               | Products: Boots, Texas Department of Transportation jackets, towels, wipes,                                                           |
| 31               | floor/chair mats                                                                                                                      |
| 32               | ➤ Certification date: 9/2003                                                                                                          |
| 33               | ➤ Integrated employment: 0 employees                                                                                                  |
| 34               | • Easter Seals Central Texas, Inc. (Austin, Texas)                                                                                    |
| 35               | Services: Litter pickup, lawn services, landscaping                                                                                   |
| 36               | Certification date: 9/2003                                                                                                            |
| 37               | ➤ Integrated employment: 0 employees                                                                                                  |
| 88               | • Gateway Community Partners, Inc. (Jacksonville, Texas)                                                                              |
| 39               | Services: Curb and gutter services, litter pickup, grounds services                                                                   |
| 10               | Certification date: 9/2003                                                                                                            |
| ŀ1               | ➤ Integrated employment: 0 employees                                                                                                  |

- 43 **Decision Point**
- 44 Staff seeks direction on approving the six CRPs seeking recertification to continue participating
- in the PPD program.