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

4 Background

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

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- 15 The PPD program has reviewed the application of six CRPs seeking to continue participation in
- 16 the program through recertification. All CRPs seeking recertification will pay or currently pay
- 17 minimum wage or higher.

18 CRP Seeking Recertification

19 Goodwill Industries of San Antonio

- Services: Temporary Employee Services
- Products: N/A
- Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 0
- Wages and benefits: No current contracts
- Certification date: 9/2013
 - Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0
 - CRP is current on state Unemployment Insurance taxes.

2728 Lighthouse for the Blind – Fort Worth

- Products: Copy Paper, Medical Sample Cups
 - Services: N/A
- Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 19
- Wages and benefits: \$110,822
- Certification date: 9/2003
- Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0
 - CRP is current on state Unemployment Insurance taxes.

37 The EB Foundation Inc. - Corpus Christi

- Services: Janitorial and Grounds Maintenance, Litter Pickup
- 39 Products: N/A
- 40 Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 37
- Wages and benefits: \$219,873
- 42 Certification date: 9/2010
- Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0

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	Lighthouse for the Blind – Houston
4	Services: Call Center; Mail Room; Document Scanning
5	Products: Soap, Flash Drives, DVS
6	• Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 23
7	• Wages and benefits: \$221,967
8	• Certification date: 9/2003
9	• Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0
10	• CRP is current on state Unemployment Insurance taxes.
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12	New Hope Academy - Fort Worth
13	Products: Office Supply, Safety, Industrial Products
14	Services: Packaging; Shipping; Sorting Products
15	• Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 1
16	• Wages and benefits: 4,898
17	• Certification date: 4/2019
18	• Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0
19	• CRP is current on state Unemployment Insurance taxes.
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21	On Our Own Services - Houston
22	Services: Litter, Custodial, Facilities management
23	• Products: N/A
24	• Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 180
25	• Wages and benefits: \$2,623,704
26	Certification date: 9/2003
27	• Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 14
28	• CRP is current on state Unemployment Insurance taxes.

29 **Recommendation**

30 Staff recommends recertification of the six CRPs discussed above for continued participation in

31 the PPD program.