



# SBIR Success Stories

## ADJUSTABLE SINK/COUNTER SYSTEM

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### INNOVATION

Adjustable height sink/counter systems designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ Developed two adjustable sink/counter systems designed for wheelchair accessibility. One version is electrically powered and the second is hydraulically powered.



**APPROACH™ ADJUSTABLE SINK**

### COMMERCIALIZATION

- ▶ The products developed with support of the SBIR program were successfully commercialized by Accessible Designs/Adjustable Systems through Phase III funding.
- ▶ Manufacturing and production of the products utilize a distributed network of manufacturers, many in rural areas.

### IMPACTS

- ▶ The Approach™ brand is being used by thousands of Americans with disabilities to gain or increase their independence at completing daily activities in homes, assisted living facilities, multi-family housing, and other facilities.
- ▶ Rural firms participating in the production of the Approach™ line have realized greater income as a result of the success of the product.

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