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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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ADDRESSEES: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL)
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND)
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT: Publication: Jobs, Training, & Independence

The attached publication contains case studies of eight workers with disabilities who have been successful in making the transition from employment under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program to competitive employment. As Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), as well as a member of the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped (CPBOSH), I urge you to take a few minutes to read the case studies - each a compelling story of success. Over the past two years under the JWOD Program approximately 3000 persons with severe disabilities made that transition.

CPBOSH's principal goal is to generate employment and training opportunities for persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. To accomplish this goal, Federal agencies are directed to purchase certain commodities and services from qualified nonprofit facilities. It is the Committee's intent that to the extent possible and consistent with individual abilities and desires, persons benefiting from JWOD jobs will move to competitive employment when indicated.

If you have any questions regarding the case studies or the JWOD Program, please contact the Committee staff at (703) 557-1145.

INQUIRIES:Regional Commissioners

Commissioner
Rehabilitation Services Administration

Attachment