1 2 3		Approval of Community Rehabilitation Programs to Participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program Discussion Paper
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	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. TWC Chapter 806 Purchases of Products and Services from People with Disabilities rule §806.41 establishes requirements for participation in the program and subsequent adherence to those requirements once a CRP has been certified. A CRP must reapply every three years before the expiration date listed on its certification in order to continue participating in the program. PPD staff reviews each completed application and all required documentation and, once the materials are deemed acceptable, presents the application to TWC's three-member Commission for approval.	
14 15 16		PD program has reviewed the applications of five CRPs seeking to continue participation program through recertification. All CRPs currently pay minimum wage or higher.
17	Recertifications	
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	A A A A A A	Brother's Keeper, Inc. (Dallas) Services: Grounds Maintenance Products: N/A Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 6 Wages and benefits: Averaging \$14.07 per hour Certification date: 6/2020 Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0 CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	A A A A A A	art of Texas Goodwill Industries, Inc. (Waco) Services: Temp Services, Grounds/Picnic Area Maintenance, Litter Removal Products: N/A Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 25 Wages and benefits: Averaging \$15.62 per hour Certification date: 4/2011 Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0 CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41	A A A A A A	P Healthy Innovative Processes (San Antonio) Services: Coaching, Counseling Products: Books, Training Materials, Plastic Purses Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 0 Wages and benefits: Averaging \$0 Certification date: 6/2020 Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0 CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

1 4. Oak Creek Day Habilitation Vocational Center (Lufkin)

- 2 > Services: Janitorial, Litter Removal, Grounds Maintenance, Mail Services
- 3 > Products: N/A
- 4 Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 80
- Wages and benefits: Averaging \$7.58 per hour
- 7 \(\rightarrow \) Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 0

9 5. Work Services Corporation (Wichita Falls)

- 10 > Services: Rest Area/Grounds Maintenance, Litter Removal, Janitorial, Linen Folding
- Products: Paper Clips, Wood Tent Pins, Wood Stakes and Lathes
- 12 > Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 119
- Wages and benefits: Averaging \$11.81 per hour
- 14 > Certification date: 9/2003
- 15 Cumulative integrated employee placements for fiscal year prior to application: 11
- > CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

17 **Recommendation**

18 Staff recommends the recertification of five CRPs for participation in the PPD program.