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 3 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 17	Issue The PPD program has reviewed the applications of one new CRP seeking certification and six CRPs seeking to continue participation in the program through recertification. All CRPs seeking certification and recertification will pay or currently pay minimum wage or higher.	
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	1. 7	Certifications Tejas Roadrunners Non-Profit Organization Services: Litter Removal, Mowing Products: N/A Current number of employees on PPD contracts: N/A Wages and benefits: Averaging N/A Certification date: N/A Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions: N/A
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	1. A	Certification date: 9/2003
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44		Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 23 Wages and benefits: Averaging \$9.48 per hour Certification date: 9/2003

1 > CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes. 2 3 3. David and Ivory Ministries (Houston) 4 > Services: Janitorial, Litter Pickup, Landscaping 5 ➤ Products: N/A 6 ➤ Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 343 7 ➤ Wages and benefits: Averaging \$8.74 per hour 8 ➤ Certification date: 12/2005 9 > Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for fiscal year prior to 10 application: 32 11 > CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes. 12 13 4. Lending Helping Hands to Others (Houston) 14 > Services: Janitorial 15 > Products: N/A Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 12 16 17 ➤ Wages and benefits: Averaging \$11.11 per hour 18 ➤ Certification date: 4/2006 19 > Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for fiscal year prior to 20 application: 1 21 > CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes. 22 23 5. Liberty Proclaimed Ministry (Arlington) 24 > Services: Janitorial, Ground Maintenance, Litter Removal 25 ➤ Products: N/A 26 > Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 74 27 ➤ Wages and benefits: Averaging \$11.49 per hour 28 ➤ Certification date: 10/2005 29 Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for fiscal year prior to 30 application: 46 31 > CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes. 32 33 6. West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind (San Angelo) 34 > Services: N/A 35 ➤ Products: Pens, Safety Equipment, Textiles, Beverages > Current number of employees on PPD contracts: 45 36 ➤ Wages and benefits: Averaging \$13.64 per hour 37 > Certification date: 6/2020 38 39 Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for fiscal year prior to 40 application: 0 41 > CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

42 Recommendation

Staff recommends the certification of one new CRP and the recertification of six existing CRPs

44 for participation in the PPD program.