1 2 3	Approval of Community Rehabilitation Programs to Participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program Discussion Paper
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6	Background
7	Texas Human Resources Code, §122.013 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to
8	establish rules for the certification of Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) to participate
9	in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. TWC, Chapter 806 Purchases of
10	Products and Services from People with Disabilities rule §806.41 establishes requirements for
11	participation in the program and subsequent adherence to those requirements once a CRP has
12	been certified. A CRP must reapply every three years before the expiration date listed on its
13	certification in order to continue participating in the program. PPD staff reviews each completed
14	application and all required documentation, and, once the materials are deemed acceptable, the
15	staff presents the application to TWC's three-member Commission for approval.
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17 18	Issue PPD program staff reviewed the applications of one new CRP seeking certification and seven
19	CRPs seeking to continue participation in the program through recertification. All CRPs seeking
20	certification and recertification will pay or currently pay minimum wage or higher.
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22	New Certification
22 23	1. CleanArk Services, Inc. (Lexington)
24	Services: Janitorial services
25	Products: Janitorial products
26	 Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in Fiscal Year 2023 (FY'23): N/A
27	• Wages and benefits: N/A
28	Certification date: N/A
29	• Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions: 0
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31	Recertifications
32	1. Beacon Lighthouse (Wichita Falls)
33	• Services: NA
34	 Products: Toner cartridges, floor pads, scrubbing pads, other products
35	• Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY'23: 14
36	• Wages and benefits: Averaging \$15.82 per hour
37	• Certification date: September 2003
38	• Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
39	 The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.
40 41	2. Beaumont Product and Services, Inc. (Beaumont)
+1 42	Services: Grounds maintenance, litter pickup
1 2	 Products: N/A
14	 Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY'23: 21
 45	 Wages and benefits: Averaging \$15.82 per hour

- Certification date: September 2003
- Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
 - The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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3. Burke Center (Lufkin)

- Services: Janitorial services, litter pickup
- 7 Products: N/A
- Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY'23: 76
- Wages and benefits: Averaging \$8.59 per hour
 - Certification date: September 2003
 - Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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14 **4.** East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind (Tyler)

- Services: N/A
 - Products: Various paper products, safety boots, badges, carbon paper, scrub wipes
- Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY'23: 16
- Wages and benefits: Averaging \$25.21 per hour
- Certification date: September 2003
 - Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 2
 - The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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5. Easter Seals (Austin)

- Services: Janitorial services, landscape services
- Products: N/A
- Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY'23: 39
- Wages and benefits: Averaging \$16.75 per hour
- Certification date: September 2003
 - Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
 - The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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6. Gateway Community Partners (Jacksonville)

- Services: Picnic area maintenance, lawn maintenance
- Products: N/A
 - Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts FY'23: 19
 - Wages and benefits: Averaging \$7.74 per hour
 - Certification date: September 2003
 - Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
 - The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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41 7. Redirection Opportunities (Longview)

- Services: Janitorial services, grounds maintenance
- Products: N/A
- Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts in FY'23: 23

- Wages and benefits: Averaging \$29.47 per hour
- Certification date: October 2015
 - Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
 - The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

56 Recommendation

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- 7 Staff recommends certifying one new CRP and recertifying seven existing CRPs for participation
- 8 in the PPD program.