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**Approval of Community Rehabilitation Programs
to Participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program
Discussion Paper**

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Background

19 Texas Human Resources Code §122.013 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to
20 establish rules for the certification of Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) to participate
21 in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program. TWC Chapter 806 Purchases of
22 Products and Services from People with Disabilities Rule §806.41 establishes requirements for
23 participation in the program and subsequent adherence to those requirements once a CRP has
24 been certified. A CRP must reapply every three years before the expiration date listed on its
25 certification in order to continue participating in the program. PPD staff reviews each completed
26 application and all required documentation and, once the materials are deemed acceptable,
27 presents the application to TWC's three-member Commission for approval.

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Issue

30 The PPD program has reviewed the applications of five CRPs seeking to continue participation
31 in the program through recertification. Four CRPs seeking recertification currently pay minimum
32 wage or higher. One CRP has no contracts.

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Recertifications

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1. Texana Center (Rosenberg)

- 37 • Services: Janitorial Services
- 38 • Products: N/A
- 39 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts Fiscal Year 2023 (FY'23): 12
- 40 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$8.05 per hour
- 41 • Certification date: 9/2003
- 42 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 43 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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2. Second Chances (Houston)

- 46 • Services: Janitorial Services, Grounds Maintenance, Parking Lot Striping
- 47 • Products: N/A
- 48 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts FY'23: 21
- 49 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$18.13 per hour
- 50 • Certification date: 12/2017
- 51 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 52 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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3. Rucon, Inc. (Hunstville)

- 55 • Services: Grounds Maintenance, Litter Pickup, Picnic Area Maintenance, Right-of-Way
Mowing, Tree Removal
- 56 • Products: N/A
- 57 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts FY'23: 69

- 1 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$12.55 per hour
- 2 • Certification date: 9/2003
- 3 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 4 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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6 **4. Goodwill Industries of Houston (Houston)**

- 7 • Services: Temporary Personnel Services
- 8 • Products: N/A
- 9 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts FY'23: 73
- 10 • Wages and benefits: Averaging \$26.07 per hour
- 11 • Certification date: 9/2003
- 12 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application: 0
- 13 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes.

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15 **5. RGG Construction Company (Weslaco)**

- 16 • Services: N/A
- 17 • Products: N/A
- 18 • Cumulative number of employees on PPD contracts FY'23: N/A
- 19 • Wages and benefits: N/A
- 20 • Certification date: 12/2017
- 21 • Cumulative competitive integrated employment positions for FY prior to application:
- 22 N/A
- 23 • The CRP is current on state unemployment insurance taxes: N/A

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25 **Recommendation**

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