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## **TWC seeks volunteers for Advisory Committee for Purchasing from People with Disabilities**

*Applications for two committee seats being accepted through October 30*

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is taking applications from interested volunteers to join the newly-formed Advisory Committee for Purchasing from People with Disabilities. The two positions currently available on the committee are for individuals with disabilities employed by a community rehabilitation program (CRP). New committee members will help represent the disability community and advise TWC on matters relating to the State Use Program. TWC will pay travel expenses for these two individuals to attend committee meetings and for a travel companion, if necessary. TWC is accepting applications **through Friday, Oct. 30, 2015.**

The 13-member Advisory Committee for Purchasing from People with Disabilities provides guidance to TWC on matters related to the State Use Program, which assists individuals with disabilities in achieving independence through productive employment opportunities. Committee members serve staggered four-year terms and may not serve more than two terms. Committee members include representatives from CRPs, advocates, individuals with disabilities and a representative from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

As of September 1, Senate Bill 2012, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, abolished the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and transferred the administration of this program to TWC. The Advisory Committee begins work this fall and will assist TWC by providing input regarding specific objectives, performance measures and rules related to the Purchasing from People with Disabilities program. Additionally, the committee will recommend criteria for certifying CRPs for participation in the program. CRPs hire individuals with disabilities to produce goods and services for purchase through the State Use program.

For further information or for an application to serve on the advisory committee visit the [Purchasing from People with Disabilities Application](#) web page on the [TWC website](#). Questions may also be directed to [PurchasingfromPeoplewithDisabilities@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:PurchasingfromPeoplewithDisabilities@twc.state.tx.us).

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