

SERVICES FOR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; Section 103(b)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5); 34 CFR 361.49.

II. POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE:

Vocational Rehabilitation services may be provided to benefit groups of individuals with disabilities when such services are expected to contribute substantially to the vocational rehabilitation outcome of a group of individuals. The services need not be related to the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) of any individual with a disability.

III. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

Services may include:

- 1) Management or supervision services, initial supplies, equipment, or vending facilities, in support of small businesses operated by individuals with the most significant disabilities;
- 2) The establishment, development, or improvement of community rehabilitation programs including, under special circumstances, the construction of a facility which promises to contribute substantially to competitive employment outcomes in integrated settings for individuals with disabilities.
- 3) The use of existing telecommunications systems which have the potential to substantially improve service delivery methods and programs which meet the employment related needs of groups of individuals with disabilities.
- 4) Telecommunication systems that increase access for individuals with sensory impairments.
- 5) Technical assistance and support services to businesses that are not subject to Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act when such businesses seek to employ individuals with disabilities.