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Vocational Rehabilitation Invites Interested Parties to Participate in a Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, along with the State Rehabilitation Council, is conducting a statewide survey to determine vocational rehabilitation service delivery needs and program priorities for the next three years. People with disabilities and their families are invited to complete the survey online by December 2, 2011. It is online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/DKXGBWH.

"The needs assessment survey is a useful tool that can help identify any service gaps and opportunities to increase the employment of individuals that experience a disability," said Russ Cusack, director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. "The information gained through the needs assessment process supports the division's continuous improvement through collaboration with other organizations."

The survey asks 12-questions about gaps in employment services for people with disabilities including vocational guidance and career options, one-on-one job training, self-employment opportunities, housing, workplace relationship training, youth-to-adult transition employment services, as well as other concerns. All responses will remain anonymous.

Individuals may also contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 701-328-8950, toll-free 1-800-755-2745, TTY 701-328-8968 to complete the survey by phone or to request a paper copy of the survey through the mail.

Paper surveys are also available at all eight Vocational Rehabilitation regional offices in North Dakota. Location information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/about/regional-contact.html.

The North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation provides training and employment services that assist individuals with disabilities to be successfully employed. For more information on vocational rehabilitation services, go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html.

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