

BRS RFP Results for Industry Specific Training and Placement Programs

In February and April of 2011, BRS posted a Request for Proposals aimed at procuring Industry Specific Training and Placement Programs at Host Employer sites across Connecticut. This model was used successfully by Texas VR with the ARRA funding that they received. The RFP was posted based on the success that Texas VR experienced and the success of our relationship with Walgreens. There are two roles within each proposal, Training Entity and Host Employer. The Training Entity is the organization that BRS is contracting with to establish the program and will be responsible for the assessment, training and placement of BRS consumers. The Host Employer will provide the work site, industry expertise and job openings for each proposal. The contracts are for a 2-year period and will result in a tuition-based, fee-for-service training at the conclusion of the contract period to carry forward each program. The “Projected Jobs” below are for the 2-year contract period. The following contracts have been negotiated:

<u>Training Entity</u>	<u>Host Employer</u>	<u>Type of Jobs</u>	<u>Regions</u>	<u>Projected Jobs</u>
1. Community Enterprises	Homegoods	Warehouse	Bloomfield	58
2. Community Enterprises	Mohegan Sun	Maintenance Housekeeping Parking Attendants	Uncasville	109
3. QV ARC	Lowes	Warehouse	Plainfield	100
4. Kennedy Center	CVS Retail	Retail	*Stamford Danbury Bridgeport New Haven Waterbury	35
5. Community Enterprises	Walgreens Retail	Retail	*Statewide, sites TBD	106

Authorization Procedures

***YEAR 1** - During the first year of each contract the BRS Counselor will only need to put the service on the plan and will not have to create and authorization.

****YEAR 2** - For the second year of each contract, an authorization will need to be generated in addition to the services being added to each IPE. This begins the transition to a tuition-based, fee for service model.

WHAT THIS ALL MEANS FOR DDS CONSUMERS

1. **For the first two years, ONLY BRS CONSUMERS are able to participate in these projects.** This means that anyone interested in participating in any of these training projects must become eligible for BRS services and have a work plan in place before they can be approved to participate in any of the training initiatives. By year 3, a plan will be in place to accept referrals from state agencies serving people with disabilities. (*Individuals can continue to directly apply for available positions to any of these companies at any time. They just won't be able to participate in the training projects.)

2. Essential Information

Home Goods: FT Warehouse positions, mostly 2nd and 3rd shift, on a bus route
Class training-6 weeks unpaid, OJT-9 weeks minimum wage

Mohegan Sun: FT & PT maintenance, housekeeping & parking attendants, on a bus route
Class training 4 weeks unpaid, 8 weeks OJT minimum wage

Lowes: FT & PT Warehouse positions
Class training 4 weeks unpaid M-F 8:30-12:30 (evaluation done at end of two weeks, may be able to skip temp status)

CVS PT Clerk
*Training-TBD

Walgreen's Retail: PT Clerk
Class training 3 weeks (20 hours a week, minimum wage)

3. **The following BRS Employment Consultants are available to assist DDS consumers to apply for BRS services.**

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