

## **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF STATEWIDENESS**

The Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL)/Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program requests a waiver of statewideness in order to engage in cooperative agreements with local public agencies to increase or expand the scope of vocational rehabilitation services throughout Georgia. The non-Federal share of the cost of these services will be provided by local public agencies. Local public agencies may include, but not limited to, community rehabilitation programs/facilities, units of city and county government, federal government, public school systems, institutions of higher education including technical/vocational schools and four-year universities.

### **Types of services to be provided**

Each written cooperative agreement identifies the types of services to be provided. These services may include: (1) assessment for determining eligibility and priority for services; (2) assessment for determining vocational rehabilitation needs; (3) vocational rehabilitation counseling and guidance; (4) referral and other services; (5) physical and mental restoration services; (6) vocational and other training services, including personal and vocational adjustment training, books, tools, and other training materials; (7) maintenance; (8) transportation in connection with the rendering of any vocational rehabilitation service; (9) vocational rehabilitation services to family members; (10) interpreter services for individuals who are deaf and tactile interpreting services for individuals who are deaf-blind; (11) reader services; (12) recruitment and training services to provide new employment opportunities; (13) job search and placement assistance and job retention services; (14) supported employment services; (15) personal assistance services; (16) post-employment services; (17) occupational licenses, tools, equipment, initial stocks, and supplies; (18) rehabilitation technology, including vehicular modification, telecommunications, sensory, and other technological aids and devices; (19) transition services; and (20) other goods and services determined necessary for individuals with a disability to achieve employment outcomes.

### **Assurance for transfer of non-Federal share of funds**

Each cooperative agreement contains an assurance requiring the local public agency to transfer non-Federal share of funds to the GDOL/VR Program.

### **Assurance for approval from the VR Program**

Each cooperative agreement contains an assurance that approval from the GDOL/VR Program will be obtained before services are provided.

### **Assurance for provision of services**

Each cooperative agreement contains the following assurances related to requirements of the VR State Plan: (1) the services will have a vocational rehabilitation focus; (2) the services will only be available to applicants for and/or recipients of VR services; (3) program expenditures and staff providing the services are under the administrative supervision of VR; and (4) the VR order of selection, as stated in *Attachment 4.12(c)(2)(A)* of this State plan, will apply to all services being provided.