**Executive Summary**

**2022 Report of Vending Facility Program, RSA 15**

The Vending Facility Program, authorized by the Randolph-Sheppard Act, provides persons who are blind with remunerative employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on federal properties. The program has expanded to also include state, county, and other locations. Under the Vending Facility Program, the Business Enterprises Program (BEP) recruits, trains, licenses, and places individuals who are blind to operate vending facilities located on federal and other properties.

The RSA 15 Report of the Vending Facility Program is used to report to the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the program each Federal Fiscal Year, October 1 to September 30. The information on the report includes: Earnings and Employment; Vending Facilities and Vendors; Vending Locations under the Interstate Highway Program; Program Expenditures by Source of Funds; Distribution and Expenditure of Program Funds from Vending Machine Income and Levied Set-Aside; Number of Sites Surveyed; Vendor Training; and State and Nominee Agency Personnel.

The BEP submitted the RSA 15 Report by the submittal deadline of December 31, 2022.

**Key facts of this report:**

* All reporting elements are adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A key impact was the reduction in business or temporary closures at BEP locations.
* The remaining $2,739 of Randolph-Sheppard Financial Relief and Restoration Payments (FRRP) was issued.
* There was an overall increase in Gross Sales and Total Expenses from prior year:
* Gross Sales reported $35,805,159, an increase of $8,755,152 from prior year.
* Total Expenses reported $25,197,652, an increase of $4,998,337 from prior year.
* The Payroll Expenses were $19,080,906, an increase of $4,587,301 from prior year, which is attributable to an increase in business and the opening of BEP locations.
* The Average Vendor Earnings increased by $3,601 from prior year to $50,434. Prior year Average Vendor Earnings includes FRRP and FMR payments.
* The Median of Net Vendor Earnings increased by $1,712 from prior year to $17,368. The Median of Net Vendor Earnings includes the one vendors FRRP funds received, the prior year included FRRP earnings for 50 vendors.
* The RSA 15 Report reflects 61 vendors operating locations as of September 30, 2022. This decrease from 68 in the prior year is due to the resignation, retirement or loss of 7 vendors.
* The number of locations is 81 a decrease in one location due to the closure of a location from the prior year. A location may consist of multiple sites.