**Executive Summary**

**2024 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 30, 2024.

**Key facts of this report:**

* There was an overall increase in Gross Sales and Total Expenses from prior year:
* Gross Sales reported $45,270,323, an increase of $1,508,425 from prior year.
* Total Expenses reported $28,478,517, an increase of $1,117,951 from prior year.
* The Payroll Expenses were $24,160,430, an increase of $1,843,318 from prior year, which is attributable an increase in business and the opening of BEP locations.
* The Average Vendor Earnings increased by $10,646 from prior year to $112,775.
* The Median of Net Vendor Earnings increased by $54,746 from prior year to $81,998. This can be attributed to many locations seeing an increase in business when compared to prior years impacted by Covid-19 pandemic. The RSA 15 Report reflects 52 vendors operating locations as of September 30, 2024. This is a decrease from 55 in the prior year is due to the resignation, retirement, or loss of 3 vendors.
* The number of locations is 72 which is a decrease in 3 locations due to closures or locations being reclassified from interim or primary to satellite. A location may consist of multiple sites.