

# Utilizing the Preferred Purchase Program

The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Rehabilitation Division manages the Preferred Purchase Program; the Preferred Purchase Program streamlines the purchasing process by allowing governmental agencies to work directly with DETR in negotiating with Non-profit Community Training Centers to determine the fair market price for goods and services. The program is authorized by law (NRS 332.117, NRS 332.333, and NRS 334.025) and allows the state, counties, the system of higher education, and other political sub-divisions the ability purchase goods and services outside the traditional procurement processes.

The DETR program administrators work closely with the State of Nevada, Purchasing Division to identify appropriate products or services, which the Division then develops into “Statewide Contracts” saving government agencies valuable resources.

The Community Training Centers supply the Labor Force employed under these contracts. There are eighteen Community Training Centers that provide instruction and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The centers employ qualified supervisors who train and monitor workers to ensure quality and timely service.

## **Products and Services available through the Preferred Purchase Program:**

Secure Document Destruction (shredding), Secure Document Management (imaging, indexing, retrieval), Electronic Auction (e-bay), Valuation Assessments, Asset Disposal , Janitorial, Grounds Maintenance, Call Center, Information Hotline, Clerical Support, Mailing/Collation, Packaging and Assembly, Industrial Sewing, Order Fulfillment, Routine Vehicle Maintenance, Silk Screening, E-Waste Data Cleansing, Gift Wrapping, Greenhouse and Cafeteria Labor services.

High Quality Re-manufactured Toner Cartridges, Safety Glasses, Work Gloves, Boots, Hard Hats, Reflective Safety Vests and Portable Highway Signs, Medical Gloves, Pens and Pencils.

The program promotes Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Practices. The following items are “re-used, re-manufactured or recycled” by program Providers: Computers, Paper, Water Bottles, Aluminum Cans, Cardboard, Cell Phones, Copiers, Printers and Toner Cartridges.

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