

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
AND
COUNCIL OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS OF VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION**

Washington, D.C.

In order to advance, improve, and expand the employment opportunities for veterans with disabilities, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E) and the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) commit themselves to active cooperation and coordination in implementing the objectives set forth in this agreement.

The CSAVR and VR&E believe that quality employment outcomes for veterans with disabilities can be increased and improved through a closer working relationship. VR&E and CSAVR agree to encourage their respective offices to establish cooperative agreements with the intended purpose of improved services to their common clients.

The CSAVR and VR&E will act as liaisons to their respective agencies to facilitate the establishment of cooperative agreements between State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional offices. Such agreements are intended to identify opportunities where collaboration and partnership can result in improved services and increased employment outcomes for veterans with disabilities.

The CSAVR and VR&E will share information and coordinate activities, as appropriate, to carry out and support the objectives of the cooperative agreement.

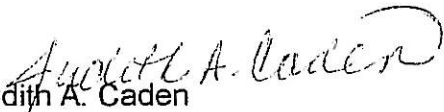
The CSAVR and VR&E will also provide technical assistance and support to any State VR and VA office that requests their assistance in facilitating the development of a state/local agreement.

This agreement does not in itself authorize the expenditure or reimbursement of any funds. Nothing in this agreement shall obligate the parties to expend appropriations or other monies, or to enter into any contract or other obligation.


Further, this agreement shall not be interpreted to limit, supersede, or otherwise affect either party's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its mission, or statutory or regulatory duties.

This agreement shall become effective upon the date of signature of the underlined parties and shall remain in effect for two years. This agreement may be terminated at any time upon 30 days advance notice by one party to the other, and may be amended by the written agreement of either party, and/or their designees.

Signed by:


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(Date)


Steve Shivers, President
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(Date)