



# Highlights

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## Announcement of a Request for Proposals Supported Employment Video

The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities invites proposals from qualified video production companies/agencies to create an eight to 10 minute, high quality, professional video program on supported employment in Texas. Production funds will be awarded on the Council's behalf by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

Supported employment enables individuals with severe developmental disabilities to work in regular jobs in the community independently, competitively and productively alongside their non-disabled peers. An employment specialist/job coach assists each individual in locating a paid position which is matched to the applicant's abilities and preferences, trains the individual for the position, and provides ongoing supports as needed to help the individual maintain employment.

### Project Details

The selected company/agency will be responsible for all creative and production functions necessary to produce the eight to 10-minute video program, from developing the concept and scriptwriting to production of a master tape and dubs. Portions of the production may be subcontracted, with DD Program approval. Shooting will be on-location with possible sites in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Laredo. The video must include open captioning for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired.

The projected start-up date for production is September 1, 1990. The video is to be completed by December 15, 1990. The DD Program reserves final

approval rights for all aspects of production. The DD Program retains all rights for the completed videotape and all materials created in making it.

### Evaluation and Selection

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee and evaluated on the basis of the content of the proposal (narrative, methodology, budget, qualifications of the applicant, sample video and criteria included in the RFP).

### Application Process

To receive the application kit that contains the full request for proposals, application forms, instructions and information, please submit a written request to:

David P. Henderson  
Texas Planning Council  
for Developmental Disabilities  
4900 North Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78751-2316  
(512) 483-4084

### Application Deadline

Proposals and video samples will be accepted at the Texas Planning Council Office, 4900 North Lamar Blvd., Office #4141, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas until 5 p.m. on June 14, 1990.

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## Definition of Developmental Disabilities

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act defines a developmental disability as:

"A severe, chronic disability of a person which --

- (a) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (b) is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two;
- (c) is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (d) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity

- self care,
- receptive and expressive language,
- learning,
- mobility;
- self-direction,
- capacity for independent living and
- economic self-sufficiency; and

(e) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

## The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities is a 28-member board dedicated to improving the lives of nearly 270,000 Texans with developmental disabilities. By working to develop a comprehensive service delivery system in Texas, the Council helps people with developmental disabilities achieve their maximum potential for independence, productivity and integration into the community.

Council members include people with developmental disabilities and their parents or guardians, as appointed by the governor, as well as representatives from each major state agency that serves people with developmental disabilities. The Council also has a representative from the state's University Affiliated Program, The University of Texas at Austin; a representative from the state's protection and advocacy system, Advocacy, Inc.; and a representative from an institution of higher education.

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