

## **CPO Announcement**

State of Oklahoma
Office of Management and Enterprise Services

**DATE:** Sept. 25, 2025.

TO: All CPOs.

FROM: Office of Management and Enterprise Services on behalf of the Oklahoma Department of

Rehabilitation Services.

**SUBJECT:** DRS Business Enterprise Program

Contact: Christopher Brannaman, BEP operations coordinator

**PURPOSE:** For use by all state departments, boards, commissions, agencies and institutions. In addition, counties, school districts and municipalities may avail themselves of this contract.

**Program description:** The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Business Enterprise Program (BEP) is federally funded through the Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936. The act was instituted to provide blind persons with remunerative employment, expand their economic opportunities and encourage self-sufficiency by providing opportunities to operate vending facilities in federal, state and local buildings.

Clients who choose to partake in the BEP undergo in-house training with BEP staff to become licensed vendors. Licensed vendors can apply to operate a BEP facility, which could include a vending machine route, snack bar, cafeteria or micromarket. BEP staff work alongside the licensed vendor to support their business and maintain smooth operations.

**Additional information:** State agencies may partner with BEP via interagency agreements. To learn more about BEP's services, contact <u>Christopher Brannaman</u>.