

RSA 15, Report of Vending Facility Program Summary

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 property. The program has expanded to also include state, county, municipal, and private locations. Under the Randolph-Sheppard Program, the Business Enterprises Program (BEP) recruits, trains, licenses and places individuals who are blind as operators of vending facilities located on federal and other properties.

The RSA 15, Report of 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 RSA 15 Report for 2014 reflects Gross Sales of \$47,315,041, a decrease of \$1,137,812. The decrease is due in part to one of the Department of Defense dining hall contracts that was not renewed which effected sales by approximately \$700,000. The expenses, Merchandise Purchases, Payroll Expenses and Other Operating Expenses, have decreased resulting in an increase in Operating Profit. The Vendors Earnings Total decreased by \$14,538 from the prior year, however, the Average Vendor Earnings increased by \$5,646 to \$76,164. There were 96 Vendor Person Years of Employment (actual months worked) which decreased by eight from the prior year, due in part to the loss of five long term vendors that passed or retired. The Median of Net Vendor Earnings decreased to \$33,121.

The RSA 15 Report reflects 109 vendors, while the actual number of vendors was 97. A vendor may operate more than one location and may be counted twice on the RSA 15 Report as a vendor on both a federal property and a public property. The number of locations was 114. A location may consist of multiple sites; the total number of sites was 349 addresses.

The BEP submitted the RSA 15 Report on December 30, 2014, meeting the RSA submittal date.