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La. Rehabilitation Services to Open Order of Selection Groups 2 and 3

In a letter addressed to stakeholders, Mark Martin, Director of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS), announced the agency will be reopening Order of Selection Groups 2 and 3 effective July 1, 2014. This action is made possible by several cost-saving efficiencies employed by the agency and action by the Louisiana Legislature to restore funds to the state budget initially earmarked for elimination by Governor Jindal.

LRS is the agency charged with operation of Louisiana's state vocational rehabilitation (VR) program. When a state fails to provide enough matching funds to draw down their full federal allotment, the VR agency must utilize a priority system called "Order of Selection" to determine whom to serve. Since September 30, 2010 LRS has only been serving individuals deemed eligible for services under Selection Group 1, those with "the most significant disabilities."

Selection Groups 1 through 3 are characterized by individuals who have a significant disability and are expected to require multiple VR services over an extended period of time. The three groups are distinguished by the number of "functional capacity areas" the individual demonstrates.

The action announced by Mr. Martin will include those individuals currently on the wait list for Group 2 and 3 and new applicants who are determined to meet criteria for Groups 1, 2 and 3.

If you are interested in learning more about receiving VR services, visit the [LRS website](#) for information on how to contact your local office.