



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Department of Labor & Industry Offers Recovery Act Grants for Vocational Training to Aid Pennsylvanians with Disabilities**

**\$2 Million Available for Adaptive Driving Evaluation, Training Projects**

**Harrisburg** – Service providers interested in developing and conducting Adaptive Driving Evaluation and Training Services for Pennsylvanians with disabilities are encouraged to apply for grants from the Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

A total of \$2 million in available funding is available through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Applications are due by March 26. A pre-application/proposal conference will be held on March 11 for applicants seeking more information or details about the application process.

Successful proposals will help increase the employability of Pennsylvanians with disabilities by facilitating independent mobility with the enhancement and expansion of Adaptive Driving Evaluation and Training Services. This includes the purchase of vehicles equipped with adaptive equipment and technology; evaluating individual needs; and training individuals with disabilities in need of prescriptive modifications.

Guidelines and more information are available at [www.paworkforce.state.pa.us](http://www.paworkforce.state.pa.us), click "Recovery Act Workforce Information" in the left navigation area, then, "Vocational Rehabilitation," and "Vocational Rehabilitation Grants." Answers to frequently asked questions will be available at that site three business days after they are received.

For more information about how the commonwealth is using federal Recovery Act funds to help Pennsylvania residents and businesses, visit [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

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