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**DRS recognizes Huntington WorkForce West Virginia**

**Huntington, W.Va. (September 29, 2010)** – The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) recognized WorkForce West Virginia of Huntington as its Employer of the Year for its Huntington District at an Employer Recognition Banquet at Stonewall Jackson Resort on September 23, 2010.

“This banquet is a way for us to show our appreciation to the businesses nominated and selected by our vocational rehabilitation professionals for their consideration and contributions to the employment of our clients,” said Division of Rehabilitation Services Director Deborah Lovely. These employers are giving someone a chance to prove their employment capabilities. They are empowering individuals with disabilities by providing them with job opportunities.”

The Huntington WorkForce West Virginia office is a one-stop workforce development center that provides beneficial employment-related services for youth, job seekers and businesses.

A long-standing partner with DRS, the Huntington WorkForce West Virginia office was nominated and selected because they have hired several clients during the past year to fill vacancies within their agency. They have also made work-related accommodations for these individuals with disabilities. The office contacts DRS when they have a vacancy to see if any qualified candidates are available. They are a valued partner, sharing information about other employment opportunities and accommodating and assisting DRS clients with their job searches or with training opportunities.

DRS, a division of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, is the state agency responsible for the federal vocational rehabilitation program in West Virginia. DRS assists people whose physical or mental condition is interfering with their ability to get or keep a job. Employers play a critical role in the success of those participating in the vocational rehabilitation program.

DRS offers individualized service to assist employers in retaining valued employees or in hiring qualified employees. DRS can provide consultation related to disability, as well as information about assistive technology, disability resources, potential tax credits, workplace accommodations and other benefits to employers.

Other West Virginia businesses recognized by DRS at the banquet include Fleet Service Company, Inc., Wheeling; Sweet Springs Valley Water Company, Gap Mills; The Op Shop, Fairmont; RPR Industries, Inc., Grantsville; and Food Lion Store #2568, Martinsburg.

The Huntington District consists of Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Mingo, Logan, Wyoming and McDowell counties.

For more information about DRS and its programs, call 1-800-642-8207 (V/TDD) or visit the division's Web site at [www.wvdrs.org/](http://www.wvdrs.org/). In the Huntington District, call (304) 528-5585.