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Westbrook Health Services, Inc. honored as Employer of the Year

Wheeling, W.Va. (September 26, 2011) – Westbrook Health Services, Inc., located in Parkersburg, W.Va., received recognition as the Wheeling District Employer of the Year from the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) at an Employer Recognition Banquet at Stonewall Resort on September 22, 2011.

"The partnerships with businesses that are jointly developed and nurtured serve as the foundation for our ultimate success," said Division of Rehabilitation Services Director Deborah Lovely. "The employers recognized are progressive in their attitudes and they empower people with disabilities by providing them with job opportunities."

Westbrook Health Services, Inc. provides comprehensive care to individuals with mental health, developmental, substance abuse and addiction challenges. They focus on empowering people to achieve their greatest potential and, as a partner with DRS, they help the division fulfill a similar mission. Westbrook Health Services has a history of providing on-the-job training and internship opportunities for clients of the division. They also have a history of hiring DRS clients for positions within their industry.

Distinguished Employer awards were presented to other businesses in the district earlier this year:

- Indigo Joe's, Triadelphia
- Watchdog, Wheeling
- Serra Village Retirement Community, Weirton
- Hampton Inn, Wheeling
- Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, Parkersburg

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.

The Wheeling District consists of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler, Doddridge, Ritchie, Pleasants, Wood and Wirt counties.

For more information about DRS and its programs, call 1-800-642-8207 or visit the division's Web site at wvdrs.org. In the Wheeling District, call (304) 238-1092.