**Proposed Amendment 1.5.22**

**The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is Amended as Follows:**

**(New Text in Yellow Highlight)**

(20) INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The State plan shall include an as­surance that the designated State agency will implement an information and referral system adequate to ensure that individuals with disabilities will be provided accurate vocational rehabilitation information and guidance, using appropriate modes of communication, to assist such indi­viduals in preparing for, securing, retaining, or regaining employment, and will be appropriately referred to Federal and State programs (other than the vocational rehabilita­tion program carried out under this title), including other components of the statewide workforce development sys­tem in the State. The State plan shall also include assurance that the designated State agency will provide to individuals full and complete informed choice options regarding all workforce and development opportunities, including information regarding opportunities with employers participating in the AbilityOne program and opportunities to pursue uncompensated outcomes.

(B) REFERRALS.—An appropriate referral made through the system shall—

(i) be to the Federal or State programs, including programs carried out by other components of the state­ wide workforce development system in the State, best suited to address the specific employment needs of an individual with a disability; and

(ii) include, for each of these programs, provision to the individual of—

(I) a notice of the referral by the designated State agency to the agency carrying out the pro­gram;

(II) information identifying a specific point of contact within the agency carrying out the pro­gram; and

(III) information and advice regarding the most suitable services to assist the individual to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.