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State to Honor Businesses

TALLAHASSEE, FL - On Wednesday, October 8, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities will join Florida Vocational Rehabilitation and the Agency for Workforce Innovation in recognizing businesses from across the state that are committed to hiring people with disabilities. October is Disability Employment Awareness Month, and the state is highlighting contributions of people with disabilities to the workforce. The event will be in the Tallahassee City Commission Chambers, 300 S. Adams Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Tallahassee Mayor John Marks plans to welcome attendees. Individuals with disabilities will also talk about the benefits they receive from being a part of the workforce. Representatives from the Big Bend Business Leadership Network will be there to reach out to other employers considering employment of individuals with disabilities. The Able Trust and the city of Tallahassee are sponsoring this recognition.

The state of Florida will be presenting six businesses with the Florida Exceptional Employer Award. The Florida Exceptional Employer Award is recognizing both the commitment of businesses in hiring and retaining people with disabilities and also creating unique employment opportunities. Statewide and local employers will be recognized. There are three statewide winners. The three local winners are from Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, and Perry.

APD supports people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, and work in their communities. For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, visit www.apdcares.org or call toll-free **1- 866-APD-CARES (1-866-273-2273)**.

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