

## **RSA 15, Report of Vending Facility Program Summary**

The Vending Facility Program, authorized by the Randolph-Sheppard Act, provides persons who are blind with remunerative employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on federal property. The program has expanded to also include state, county, municipal, and private locations. Under the Randolph-Sheppard Program, the Business Enterprises Program (BEP) recruits, trains, licenses and places individuals who are blind as operators of vending facilities located on federal and other properties.

The RSA 15, Report of Vending Facility Program, is used to report to the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the program each Federal Fiscal Year, October 1 to September 30. The information on the report includes: Earnings and Employment; Vending Facilities and Vendors; Vending Locations under the Interstate Highway Program; Program Expenditures by Source of Funds; Distribution and Expenditure of Program Funds from Vending Machine Income and Levied Set-Aside; Number of Sites Surveyed; Vendor Training; and State and Nominee Agency Personnel.

The RSA 15 Report for 2016 reflects Gross Sales of \$49,641,741, an increase of \$929,559. The Operating Profit has increased by \$390,685 and the Vendors Earnings Total has increased by \$426,476. The Average Vendor Earnings increased by \$9,771 to \$91,542. There were 88 Vendor Person Years of Employment (actual months worked) which decreased by five from the prior year. The Median of Net Vendor Earnings decreased by \$3,909 to \$44,553.

The RSA 15 Report reflects 95 vendors, while the actual number of vendors was 87. A vendor may operate more than one location and may be counted twice on the RSA 15 Report as a vendor on both a federal property and a public property. The number of locations was 101. A location may consist of multiple sites; the total number of sites was 248 addresses.

The BEP submitted the RSA 15 Report on December 28, 2016, meeting the RSA submittal date.