

## **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 2013 reflects Gross Sales of \$48,452,853, an increase of \$710,814. The Vendors Earnings Total also increased by \$645,042 from the prior year. In addition, both the Average Vendor Earnings and the Median of Net Vendor Earnings increased to \$70,518 and \$34,765 respectfully. The number of vendors was 112 and the number of locations was 119. A location may consist of multiple sites; the total number of sites operated by vendors was 387 addresses.

The BEP submitted the RSA 15 Report on December 31, 2013, meeting the RSA submittal date.