

Attachment 4.8(b)(1) – Cooperation with Agencies Not Carrying Out Activities Under the Statewide Workforce Investment System

The Division has developed and maintained interagency agreements with agencies which carry out activities and which do not carry out activities under the statewide workforce investment system. Some of the agencies not under the state workforce investment system are: The Veteran's Affairs Administration, The New Mexico Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, The Department of Health, and the Developmental Disabilities Support Services Division to provide supported employment services to individuals on the developmental disabilities waiver and Jackson case members. The Department also has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Education Department to further effect school-to-work transition services throughout the state.

In addition, the Division coordinates and contracts services with the American Indian communities through a contract with New Vistas in Santa Fe called the Native American Liaison program. This is an outreach to all of the Native American people in New Mexico located in 19 pueblos and the Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache tribes for acquiring referrals and assisting, on an individual basis, eligible American Indians with disabilities in achieving an employment goal.

The Division coordinates and contracts services with Community Outreach Program in Albuquerque to individuals who are deaf. These services include job seeking skills training, job placement, supportive services.

The Division further contracts with the Centers of Independent Living in the state. Again the services include job seeking skills training, job placement and supportive services.

The Division will seek out guidance from its Federal Cognizant Agency, in working toward a collaborative arrangement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, entering into an appropriate Memorandum of Agreement.

Currently, the Division does not participate in programs carried out by the Under Secretary for Rural Development of the United States. At this time, the Division does not have formal arrangements with other federal programs.

In addition, the Division is in the formative stages after recent legislation to affect a State Use contract program. It is possible that a vendor may be identified this coming year and the State Use contracting system may become fully operative in the next several years.