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Virginia Business Leadership Network Selected as Grant Recipient

RICHMOND, Va. – The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities announced today that they selected the Virginia Business Leadership Network (VABLN) to receive an \$81,445 grant for 2003-2004. These funds will provide further development of a statewide coordinated program that recognizes the importance of employer leadership in increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Virginia Business Leadership Network is part of a national program led by employers that engages the leadership and participation of companies throughout the United States to hire qualified job candidates with disabilities. Through this program, business leaders promote recruitment and hiring practices, enabling qualified people with disabilities to succeed in the workplace. In addition, these efforts promote marketplace diversity by tailoring services and access options for people with disabilities. The mission of the VABLN is to “increase workforce diversity and marketplace diversity by including people with disabilities”.

For more information on the Virginia Business Leadership Network, visit our website at <http://www.vabln.org> or call (804) 782-7181.

