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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Council on State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies, state vocational rehabilitation directors, the Technical Assistance and Continuing Education (TACE) grantees, the Rehabilitation Services Administration, and the general public

**CC:** The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and grantees

**FROM:** Research and Technical Assistance Center (RTAC) on VR Program Management at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston

**RE:** Announcing the new Learning Collaborative on Vocational Rehabilitation Management participants

**DATE:** February 15, 2012

The RTAC on VR Program Management is pleased to announce the participants of the 2012-2013 Learning Collaborative on Vocational Rehabilitation Management. We received a total of fourteen requests to participate in the project during the open period from 11/30/2011 to 1/17/2012. The following eight state VR agencies were invited to participate:

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### Participating State VR Agency and Project Lead

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Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Michael Quinn

Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Steve Collins

Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Jeffrey Hughes

Maine Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Karen Fraser

Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Lou Adams

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, John Walsh

Texas Division for Rehabilitation Services, Jim Hanophy

Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, Barbara Burkett

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Each of these eight VR agencies received a budget of \$50,000 to participate in the Learning Collaborative as part of a research effort to develop a management model focused on the areas of human resources, strategic planning, and quality assurance. The project year begins on February 15, 2012 and ends on February 15, 2013.

For more information, please visit the project website at [www.vr-rtac.org](http://www.vr-rtac.org) or contact Dr. Susan Foley, Research Director, at the Institute for Community Inclusion: [susan.foley@umb.edu](mailto:susan.foley@umb.edu).

