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**Local businesses to receive recognition**

**Huntington, W.Va. (April 30, 2012)** – Six area businesses will be honored by the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) with a banquet on May 2, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Palms Reception Hall in Huntington.

“Distinguished Employer” awards will be presented to recognize strong local partnerships with the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, the state’s primary employment resource for people with disabilities who want to work.

Area businesses to be recognized are:

- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Huntington
- Griffith & Feil Pharmacy, Kenova
- Logan Regional Medical Center, Logan
- Chili’s Grill & Bar Restaurant, Barboursville
- Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, Williamson
- Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson

"All of the employers selected recognize the abilities and the positive contributions individuals with disabilities bring to the workplace," said Division of Rehabilitation Services Acting Director Donna Ashworth. "Many of the employers demonstrated extraordinary consideration in providing accommodations that help an individual perform the tasks associated with his or her job, while other employers consistently provide employment opportunities to DRS clients."

DRS, a division of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, is the state agency responsible for the federal vocational rehabilitation program in West Virginia. DRS assists people whose physical or mental condition is interfering with their ability to get or keep a job. Employers play a critical role in the success of those participating in the vocational rehabilitation program.

DRS offers individualized service to assist employers in retaining valued employees or in hiring qualified employees. DRS can provide consultation related to disability, as well as information about tax credits, assistive technology, disability resources, workplace accommodations and other benefits to employers.

The Huntington District consists of Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Wayne, Wyoming and McDowell counties.

For more information about DRS and its programs, call 1-800-642-8207 or visit the division's Web site at [www.wvdrs.org](http://www.wvdrs.org). In the Huntington District, call 304-528-5585.

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