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Subject: Putting people w disabilities to work

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Good Morning, Ms. Vandoren:

I ask the Procurement Council to amend the proposed definition by removing these exclusions & to continue to promote the broad interpretation of the offerings to ensure that the legislative intent of this program to put people w disabilities to work continues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aduni A. Fashuyi

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# Images of Petition to Stop NY State from Limiting Jobs for People With Disabilities

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Petitioning Supervising Attorney and OGS Ethics Officer Noreen VanDoren

## STOP NY STATE FROM LIMITING JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**DAVID SCHOCH** United States



**HELP PROTECT JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** Over 80% of the jobs GoodTemps fills employ people with disabilities. For over 20 years the New York State Preferred Source Program has enabled us to place individuals at all skill levels effectively and efficiently and has ensured that all levels of jobs are filled with the most qualified people. The NYS Procurement Council has proposed changes to the definition for Temporary Personnel that will result in the loss of thousands of jobs for individuals with disabilities annually. Help us keep individuals with disabilities employed by signing this petition and contacting Noreen VanDoren, Esq., Supervising Attorney and OGS Ethics Officer - [Noreen.vandoren@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:Noreen.vandoren@ogs.ny.gov) - (518) 474-5607. Thank you for helping us to prevent this critical change

This petition will be delivered to:  
**Supervising Attorney and OGS Ethics Officer**  
Noreen VanDoren  
**Deputy Chief Procurement Officer & Chairperson of the Procurement Council**  
Susan Filburn

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Letter to

Supervising Attorney and OGS Ethics Officer Noreen VanDoren  
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer & Chairperson of the Procurement Council Susan Filburn

I am greatly concerned with the exclusions that the New York State Procurement Council has proposed to add to the Preferred Source definition for Temporary Personnel. Including the statement, "This service does not include professional, IT, or trade services" jeopardizes the jobs of the roughly 700 people with disabilities currently working through Preferred Source Contracts.

The review of definitions for Preferred Source offerings followed a request by the Commissioner of OGS at last year's May 27th Procurement Council meeting to "bring the Preferred Source List into the 21st century," since the List had not been updated since 1996. I agree with the initiative of the Council, but do not believe that the resulting definitions should eliminate opportunities that have successfully helped individuals with disabilities work in higher level jobs for over 20 years.

As you know, the Preferred Source Program is a social program, legislatively enacted to increase opportunities for individuals with disabilities. There are individuals with disabilities at all levels who need and benefit from the opportunities the Preferred Source Program provides. Considering that 75% of individuals with disabilities remain unemployed, we should not be eliminating opportunities, but should continue to follow the Procurement Council's own guidelines that state "the Procurement List should be interpreted as widely and broadly as possible to maximize opportunities for employment for individuals with disabilities,"

Disappointingly, the proposed definition is counter to that paradigm and goes beyond the goal that the Commissioner of OGS originally stated. If approved as is, the definition will not only risk the jobs of those currently working, but will eliminate opportunities that put thousands of people to work each year through the State Preferred Source Program. Do you really want to eliminate jobs for thousands of people with disabilities?

Plainly put, with definitions as proposed, it is difficult not to conclude that OGS feels individuals with disabilities either cannot or should not be given the opportunity to be trained on new and advancing technology, or cannot or should not be given the opportunity to expand their capabilities into higher level, higher paying, temporary jobs.

I ask the Procurement Council to amend the proposed definition by removing these exclusions and to continue to promote the broad interpretation of the offerings to ensure that the legislative intent of this program, to put people with disabilities to work, continues.

Thank you for your consideration.

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