



Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio Vendors Representative Committee (OVRC)

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), through its Business Enterprise Program (BEP), is the state licensing agency for the Randolph-Sheppard Act in Ohio. The BEP provides entrepreneurship opportunities for Ohioans who are legally blind. Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act, federal regulations require a State Committee of Blind Vendors to provide feedback and input regarding the system. In Ohio, this committee operates under the name of The Ohio Vendors Representative Committee (OVRC).

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

OOD staff spend a minimal amount of time assisting the OVRC in administrative tasks such as scheduling meetings, posting meeting minutes, and assisting the committee with their nominations. By Federal law, OOD's staff's role is to actively participate with OVRC which is accomplished through attending their monthly meetings. This support equals roughly 16 total hours of OOD staff time each month.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

There are no state General Revenue Funds used in the day-to-day operations of the OVRC. The BEP provides an annual budget of \$10,000 for reimbursement of allowable travel expenses for attendance at OVRC meetings. The committee is self-funded by fees collected from the BEP Operators matched with Federal Vocational Rehabilitation 110 Funds. For every one BEP dollar collected from licensed operators, the federal government adds \$3.69.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

OVRC committee members are elected by fellow BEP Operators and represent all BEP Operators in their geographically assigned areas of the state. The OVRC is comprised of seven area representatives and seven area alternative representatives. Each member is a licensee who volunteers to serve as a representative and is not compensated anything other than allowable travel expenses.

Additional notes

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