Assistive Work Technology Team

GVRA's Assistive Work Technology (AWT) team provides a variety of AWT services to address the assistive technology needs of eligible individuals. If there are barriers preventing you from keeping employment, from gaining employment or gaining new employable skills, VR can assist. AWT is a vital part of the vocational rehabilitation work team, removing many barriers to gainful employment.

The AWT Team consist of specialized staff. The rehabilitation engineer, occupational therapist, rehabilitation technologist, and rehabilitation technician all work with vocational rehabilitation counselors, providers, and vendors to achieve the client's individual work goal.



About Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides services to help eligible persons with disabilities prepare for, start and maintain competitive employment, thus becoming productive and tax-paying citizens in their communities. To apply for VR services, scan the Referral Form QR code below.

VR Referral Form







- . Call (844) 367-4872
- Online at referral.gvs.ga.gov
- <u>www</u>.gvs.ga.gov

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

200 Piedmont Ave SE West Tower 13th Floor Atlanta, GA 30334



Have a disability? Want to work?

Assistive Work Technology through Vocational Rehabilitation can make it happen!

How To Qualify

To utilize the services offered through Assistive Work Technology (AWT), one must qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services and obtain a referral from a VR Counselor for AWT. To qualify for VR, your disability must be permanent and affect your ability to work. Each person's situation is considered individually. To determine if you qualify, complete the following:

 Obtain referral from VR counselor or Business Relations Specialist

Services Provided

- Individualized Assistive Technology Evaluations
- Worksite Assessments
- · Home Modifications
- Vehicle Modifications

To meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, these services may be rendered in the following settings:

- individual's
- worksite
- · school environment
- · community locations

Facts

- ★ Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

 clients with job placements earn 24%

 more on average than minimum

 wage.
- ★ GVRA serves tens of thousands of Georgians every year.
- Employers want to hire people with disabilities to meet their workforce demands and enhance their bottom line.

Success Story

Every day, VR clients find success, whether it be in learning a new skill or landing a new job.



Shane Guiltner

Shane Guiltner was referred to GVRA by Department of Veteran's Affairs. After serving 20 years in the military and suffering multiple injuries including two traumatic brain injuries, Guiltner had a desire to become self-employed. The counselor at GVRA performed an assessment and determined he should meet with the Assistive Work Technology (AWT) department to determine which devices and technologies would be beneficial to him in his business as a Home Inspector. Home Inspector is a physical job that requires inspectors to climb onto roofs, navigate narrow crawl spaces, and walk carefully through attics and basements. After the evaluation by the occupational therapist, it was determined that Guiltner could use and was provided with a GoPro, which is a wearable action camera that facilitates hands-free roof inspections, a telescopic survey pole, which relays a live image from the camera unit on top of the pole back to a receiver monitor and an **Uplink Robotics Marten Inspection Crawler** Robot that features a live-view video camera.



I would not be successful without assistance from GVRA.