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**GVRA Invites Stakeholder Input for Needs Assessment**

*Data collection will inform Georgia’s Unified State Plan*

ATLANTA, Ga. – The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) is partnering with the Institute on Human Development & Disability at the University of Georgia to administer a statewide survey. The data collected will be used to enhance GVRA’s delivery of services to individuals with disabilities.

“GVRA relies heavily on this data collection process to identify ways in which we can improve our services to job seekers with disabilities, and to strengthen areas in which we are already exceeding the expectations of those we serve,” says GVRA Executive Director Chris Wells. “That’s why survey participation is so valuable, because it enables stakeholders to shape the depth and breadth of GVRA’s services to individuals with disabilities," Wells continued.

 WHO: All stakeholders across Georgia

WHAT: An invitation to complete an anonymous Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA) survey that will enhance GVRA’s delivery of services to individuals with disabilities

WHY: Stakeholder input will be used to improve services for job seekers with disabilities

HOW: Stakeholders are encouraged to visit <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/ihdd/2023-gvra-needs-assessment>. Please note stakeholders may complete the entire survey or just the questions they choose. No identifiable information will be collected. Surveys are available for individuals with disabilities, stakeholders, service providers, and employers.

For additional information, contact Carla Murphy, Public Affairs Director at Carla.Murphy@gvs.ga.gov or (470) 816-6501.

About the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Established in July 2012, the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) operates five integrated and interdependent statutory programs that share a primary goal - to serve Georgians with disabilities to empower them to live independent lives.

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