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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** 2012 Governor's Awards Nominations

**FROM:** Board of Vocational Rehabilitation

**DATE:** January 16, 2012

The Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), working with the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI) and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) seeks your support in gathering nominations for the 2012 Governor's Awards.

We ask you to assist us in circulating the enclosed nomination forms to others i.e., people in your office or organizational members, encouraging them to make nominations of those who are deserving of such recognition.

There are five nomination categories:

1. Distinguished Service
2. Outstanding Citizen with a Disability
3. Outstanding Employee with a Disability
4. Outstanding Employer of the Year – 3 categories
  - a. Small Private Employer (non-governmental)
  - b. Large Private Employer (non-governmental)
  - c. Public Employer (local, county, state or federal government entity, school district, university) of any size
5. Outstanding Award in Transition Services

We expect to provide notice to recipients and their nominators by the end of April and the awards ceremony to be scheduled in the summer. This timeline is subject to change based on the Governor's schedule.

Thank you for supporting this awards program, which recognizes South Dakotans for their contributions to the rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities. If you have any questions, please contact Board staff at 605.945.2207 or 1-800.210.0143.