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Dear Applicant,

The transition from high school to the world of work and post-high school activities can be a difficult time for any student. Students with disabilities often face additional challenges. This is why the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) identify transitioning students as an important “target population”. In fact, for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), WIOA places a strong emphasis on the transition-aged population, ensuring that students with disabilities have more opportunities to practice and improve workplace skills, consider career interests, and get real-world work experience leading to employment outcomes.

New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation (NHVR) and local school districts throughout the state work together, in collaboration with students and families, to coordinate activities that will result in successful employment outcomes. These “transition services” are designed to facilitate a high school student’s smooth transfer from school to agencies such as NHVR.

It is hoped that through this project, teachers and school personnel will increase their knowledge of VR and will share this knowledge with their peers. NHVR will benefit from a more collaborative working relationship with special education staff which will allow our agency to better serve students transitioning from high school to the world of work or other post-school activities.

We thank you for your interest in this opportunity, and we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

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