

Disability.gov provides information on civil rights, education, employment, housing, health care, technology and transportation, among other subjects.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM

www.yourtickettowork.com

The Ticket to Work Program is a nationwide initiative administered by the Social Security Administration designed to increase job training and employment choices for individuals with disabilities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

www.ed.gov

The Department administers federal laws, including the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* and the *Individuals With Disabilities Education Act*; ensures equal access to education; and promotes educational excellence for all Americans. Among the resources offered on www.ed.gov is the Education Resource Organizations Directory (EROD), which provides contact lists for state education agencies, VR agencies and other organizations useful to employers. The contacts are organized by state and territory, as well as by type of organization. EROD is accessible at <http://wdcrocolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD>.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (OSERS)

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers

OSERS is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. OSERS provides a wide array of supports to parents and individuals, school districts and states in three main areas—special education, vocational rehabilitation and research—through its component offices as described below:

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (OSEP)

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep

OSEP is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youths with disabilities, from birth through age 21, by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts.

REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (RSA)

www.rsa.ed.gov

RSA oversees formula and discretionary grant programs that help individuals with disabilities obtain employment and live more independently through the provision of supports, such as counseling, job training and other individualized services.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY AND
REHABILITATION RESEARCH (NIDRR)**

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr

NIDRR provides leadership and support for a comprehensive program of research related to the community integration and employment of individuals with disabilities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)

www.ready.gov/business

The Department of Homeland Security has created the Ready Business website, on which is featured the Plan to Stay in Business, a series of emergency planning guidelines for employees.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) HOME PAGE**

www.ada.gov

This Department of Justice website provides information and technical assistance on the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, which prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and transportation.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY (ODEP)

www.dol.gov/odep

ODEP provides national leadership to increase employment opportunities for adults and youths with disabilities by striving to eliminate barriers to employment. Employers can find examples of best practices and guidance on how to account for the needs of people with disabilities in the workplace, including their safe evacuation from the workplace during emergencies.

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC)

www.eeoc.gov

EEOC enforces Title I and Title V of the *ADA*, prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of disability in the state and local governments and the private sector.

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

www.sba.gov

The SBA's *ADA* Web page (www.sba.gov/ada) supports the *ADA*, which guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

www.dol.gov/odep/programs/workforc.htm

Coordinated by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Defense, the Workforce Recruitment Program provides summer work experience and, in some cases, fulltime employment for students with disabilities. The program develops partnerships with other federal agencies and businesses.