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**2010 Customized Employment
and Self-Employment BOOT**
February 17-18, 2010
Miami, Florida

What is the Customized Employment and Self-Employment BOOT?

The Customized Employment and Self-Employment Business Ownership Opportunity Training (BOOT) is a two day training event designed to provide HVRPs and their collaborators with basic information about assisting homeless veterans secure employment and start small businesses.

Training topics include:

- ★ Overview of Customized Employment
- ★ Job Seeker Exploration
- ★ Discovery
- ★ Business Ownership
- ★ Developing a Business Plan
- ★ Self Employment Resources
- ★ Business Models
- ★ Funding Issues

Who are the trainers?

Valerie Brooke, M.Ed. has been a faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and has working in the field of employment for people facing significant barriers for over twenty-five years. Ms. Brooke is the Project Director of the National Technical Assistance Center for the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) funded by the Department of Labor's Veteran Employment and Training Services, Director of Training at VCU's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Workplace Supports and Job Retention funded by the NIDRR and serves as the Principal Investigator/ Project Director for several personnel training grants promoting employment for people with disabilities to include veterans.

Ms. Brooke has served on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation since 2000 and is interested in all issues and concerns which impacts the employment rate and advancement of such untapped labor pools and people with disabilities, homeless veterans and other disenfranchised populations. She is a frequent speaker, consultant, and author of numerous book chapters, journal articles, newsletters, and briefing papers.

Cary Griffin is a Senior Partner at Griffin-Hammis Associates, a full service consultancy which specializes in building communities of economic cooperation, creating high performance organizations, and focuses on disability and employment. Cary maintains a strong relationship with the Rural Institute at The University of Montana, where he served as Director of

Adult Community Services & Supports. He is the former Executive Director of the Center for Technical Assistance & Training (CTAT) in Denver. Cary provides training to administrative and direct service level professionals in the rehabilitation field; consultation to businesses and rehabilitation agencies regarding the employment of individuals with significant disabilities; conducts field-initiated research & demonstration; provides family & consumer case consultation; develops resources; and organizational development. Recently, Cary has been instrumental in designing self-employment protocols and training for individuals, agencies, and states.

Cary speaks on an international basis, with an emphasis on leadership and community employment. Recent Keynotes include: the National Conference on Autism and the Australian National Employment Conference. His latest publications include: editing and contributing to a special edition of the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation on Self-Employment; the book, Making Self Employment Work for People with Disabilities (2003) by Brookes Publishers (co-author); and the book, The Job Developers Handbook: Practical tactics for customized employment (2007) by Brookes Publishers (co-author).

Urban Miyares is founder and president of Disabled Businesspersons Association. Since 1985, he has been nationally recognized as a blinded and multi-disabled Vietnam veteran. He is also the director of the National Disabled "Veterans Business Center". An entrepreneur for almost 40 years, Urban Miyares is recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on the self-employment of people with disabilities, having assisted thousands in their entrepreneurial endeavors. Other associations include: a San Diego after-school entrepreneurial and mentor program for school-aged children with disabilities, owner of NB Industries, a California certified "Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise" (DVBE) and federal Service Disable Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB).

Where & When is the 2010 Customized Employment and Self-Employment BOOT?

Hilton Garden Inn Miami Airport West
3550 NW 74th Avenue
Miami, FL 33122
(305) 629-7701
www.miamiairportwest.hgi.com

February 17-18, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day

COST:

This training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for participants on both days.

How to register:

To register, go to: <http://www.hvrp.org/training/training.cfm?id=240> and complete the online registration.

For questions and technical support contact:

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