## Process for Considering an Exception to the CRP/IL Contract Open Enrollment Period

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation opens the Request for Qualifications process only when a new contract is initiated, which generally occurs every two years. The interval may be longer if the contract is extended. There may be occasions when the division chooses to allow a new vendor to initiate a contract based on programmatic and community needs. There are several situations in which DVR may consider initiating a new CRP/IL contract mid-cycle. These may include the following:

- A county does not have enough providers to provide a choice of providers/services for current or potential customers.
- A county does not have appropriate providers to serve certain populations who are working with DVR, for example youth, individuals working with the DDA or Deaf customers.
- A contractor provides mutual services to a significant number of customers through DDA/Counties and DVR, is not currently contracted with DVR AND meets one of the first two criteria.

Please contact the <u>DVR Contracts Unit</u> if you would like to request that DVR consider contracting with your agency when we are not in a period of open enrollment.