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Supported Work Team DVD

The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (OEEEO) is very pleased to see the representation for people with disabilities in the public sector workforce has exceeded government targets. OEEEO is confident that more improvement can be made by public sector agencies to provide increased opportunities for people with disabilities.

To promote disability employment across the public sector the OEEEO has produced a short documentary on the Supported Work Team disability employment initiative.

The Supported Work Team is an alternative way to employ people with disabilities. The initiative involves employing a group of three or four people with a range of disabilities who form a Supported Work Team. The team is supported by a field coordinator who is employed by a disability employment network (DEN) provider.

The documentary demonstrates the benefits of employing people with disabilities through such an arrangement, from both the employer and employee perspective.

The University of Western Australia and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet are two organisations that have had great success in implementing the initiative. The journey both these organisations took in implementing the initiative is highlighted in the documentary.

The documentary also provides information from South Metropolitan Personnel, a DEN provider, on how a Supported Work Team operates on-the-job.

The documentary was launched at the OEEEO Diversity Forum on 18 June 2009 and can be viewed on the OEEEO website www.oeeo.wa.gov.au

