The purpose of the National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC) is to develop and provide technical assistance that will result in increased employment opportunities and culturally relevant services provided by Centers for Independent Living (CIL) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) systems and Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP) in the community for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) with disabilities. NTAC was established to respond to the changing needs for technical assistance by service delivery systems and the population being served. For more information visit NTAC's website at: www.ntac.hawaii.edu

NTAC is inviting rehabilitation and community-based organizations as well as Network members to conduct a series of outreach activities that will result in increased employment outcomes of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with disabilities. The purpose of this collaboration is to increase the AAPI population you and your organization serve by 5-10 percent during the upcoming fiscal year.

What NTAC can do for you and your organization:

1. Provide technical assistance in the form of information provision, training on grant writing and culturally appropriate outreach and service provision models, or other topics in response to your needs.

2. Provide collaborative funds through Mini-Subcontracts to conduct outreach activities.

3. Disseminate examples of exemplary services you and your organization provided to AAPIs with disabilities, such as employment success stories and best practices, through NTAC publications and training workshops nationwide.

4. Facilitate matching between consumers with employers (mentors) through the use of nationwide databases.

What you and your organization can do for NTAC:

1. Locate AAPIs with disabilities who are not yet in the vocational rehabilitation system. Emphasis should be placed on the persons with the greatest needs such as welfare recipients and refugees.
2. Refer them to the appropriate State Vocational Rehabilitation agency or government service system that can provide them with employment-related services.

3. Connect those who are job ready to employers.

4. Provide NTAC employment outcome data and selected employment success stories of those who you outreached.

Individuals and organizations interested in collaborating with NTAC are encouraged to complete and return the application form below. We will review the applications as soon as we receive them and make recommendations for funding until the mini-subcontract funds are expended. The sooner you submit the application, the better chance you will have to get selected.

Send your Collaboration Proposal via E-mail to: Jessica.Villaruz@cds.hawaii.edu or Fax: 808-956-7878; or TTY/TDD: 808-956-2890 or by postal mail to Jessica Villaruz, NTAC-AAPI, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Center on Disability Studies, 1776 University Avenue, UA4-6, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. For more information, please contact Jessica Villaruz at 808-956-3648; or email at Jessica.Villaruz@cds.hawaii.edu.

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Application for Collaboration

Organization: _______________________________________________________

Contact Person: _____________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

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Telephone: __________ Fax: __________ E-mail: __________________

Summary data for AAPIs with disabilities (*Please fill in target number for those fiscal years in 2003 & 2004).
1. Total number of AAPIs with disabilities served
   (Fiscal year 2001 ____: Fiscal year 2002____: Fiscal year 2003*____: Fiscal year 2004 ____ *)

2. Total number of AAPIs with disabilities employed among those you (your organization) served
   (Fiscal year 2001 ____: Fiscal year 2002____: Fiscal year 2003____*: Fiscal year 2004 ____ *)

(We use the definition of an employment outcome, taken from 34 CFR 361.5:
"Employment outcome means, with respect to an individual, entering or retaining full-time or, if appropriate, part-time competitive employment in the integrated labor market to the greatest extent practicable; supported employment; or any other type of employment, including self-employment, telecommuting, or business ownership, that is consistent with an individual's strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice."
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Plan to increase employment outcomes for AAPIs with disabilities.

1. Brief Description of your organization:

2. Proposed Activities, timeline, responsible persons to reach the target number:

3. Proposed budget needed: $_________________

Please provide additional information and an itemized budget with explanation in separate pages (5 pages maximum), if necessary.

Signature: __________________________

Authorized Personnel

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION!