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The Douglas Center Receives Highest Rating from the Federal Compliance Committee

Skokie, IL — The Douglas Center has received the highest rating (5 years) from the Federal Compliance Committee. Equally noteworthy is that based upon their Finding Summary & Acknowledgment Report the committee made no recommendations to The Douglas Center. The report stated that the “agency was well prepared.

The Federal Compliance Committee conducts on-site compliance reviews of all participating nonprofit agencies holding federal contracts. This review determines on-going eligibility for Government contracts (i.e. Department of Defense, etc.) The committee reviews each agency’s compliance to regulations such as direct labor ratios (minimum of 75/25% disability to non-disability employees); proper medical documentation of disability, competitive employability; placement programs; and Department of Labor (DOL), OSHA and FAR ethics requirements. The Douglas Center was cited as having an overall direct labor ratio of 90/10% exceeding the minimum requirement of 75/25%.

As part of the review process, the Compliance Committee interviews the head officer and reviews all files for individuals performing direct labor at the nonprofit agency. Upon completion, the organization receives the committee’s decision along with their findings report.

The Douglas Center provides day programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. The Douglas Center Work Center offers work programs that include light manufacturing, sewing, packaging, assembly, shrink-wrapping, labeling, heat sealing, fulfillment services, etc. by partnering with local manufacturers on work contracts/projects. The center offers pre-vocational training as well as developmental rehabilitation for adults of all ages. The Douglas Center opened its doors in 1999. Today, they provide a home away from home for 125 hard working and dedicated individuals. The center’s *clinical services, training programs, employment opportunities and Senior’s program* enhance the lives of their program participants and assists them in reaching their maximum potential.

“The Douglas Center is committed to maintaining its high level of quality and ethical standards in providing day programs and work opportunities for individuals with severe developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities”, stated Rifath Khan, Chief Executive Officer.

For more information and/or inquiries on exploring a potential production/manufacturing project assignment for The Douglas Center, please contact Linda Cordero, Development Coordinator at lcordero@thedouglascenter.com or 847-674-1921 ext. 245 or visit our website: www.thedouglascenter.com

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