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Assistance Dog Provider Recruitment Email

Dear XXX; [insert service dog provider name]

We are requesting that you participate in a 30-minute survey as part of a research study being conducted by West Virginia University and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), which is part of CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

This web-based survey is being sent to providers of assistance dogs in the United States as part of Project ROVER (Returning Our Veterans to Employment and Reintegration).

The goal of Project ROVER is to evaluate the use of assistance dogs in improving the transition of veterans from military life to civilian life and re-employment.

Your responses will help us better understand how assistance dog providers are working to meet the needs of their clients, including veterans. The survey will gather information from assistance dog providers across the United States in three topic areas.

1. Assistance dog provider characteristics and services
2. Services provided to veterans and veterans returning to work
3. Strategies used with assistance dogs to address client issues related to work

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

We also would like to include your organization's contact information in a public directory of assistance dog providers in the United States with your consent. This directory will be posted on a website hosted by West Virginia University as a valuable resource for veterans trying to locate assistance dog providers. You will be asked at the end of survey if you wish to have your organization's contact information included in the directory.

Please contact the Project ROVER at xxx-xxx-xxxx or by email at rover@wvu.edu if you have questions or concerns about the survey. We will be happy to assist you.

Please click here to begin survey!