

Part I: Attachments

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Attachment 1: Basic Information

Name of Lead Agency: Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services

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Name of Implementing Entity: Attain, Inc.

Name of Applicable Division and/or Subdivision of Implementing Entity: not applicable

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Attachment 2: Lead Agency and Implementing Entity

2.1 Identification and Description of the Lead Agency - Identify and describe the Lead Agency referred to in section 4(c)(1)(A) of the AT Act.

2.1A Identification and Description of Lead Agency if an Implementing Entity is not Designated

2.1B Identification and Description of the Lead Agency if an Implementing Entity is Designated

The lead agency for the statewide Assistive Technology Program in Indiana is the Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services housed in the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. The Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DDARS) exists to inform, protect, and serve older adults and individuals with disabilities and their families who are in need of human services, resources, or support to attain employment and self-sufficiency or to maintain independence. Departments within DDARS include:

- *Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services*, which services people who have developmental disabilities;
- *Bureau of State Operated Services*, which operates the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center;
- *Bureau of Quality Improvement Services*, which assures the health and safety of individuals receiving home services;
- *Blind and Visually Impaired Services*, helping citizens who are blind or visually impaired achieve personal and vocation independence;
- *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services*, which provides access to services for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and state certification of interpreters;
- *Vocational Rehabilitation Services*, which provides personalized support to help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or retain employment;
- *Disability Determination Bureau*, which determine eligibility of Hoosiers for Federal Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Disability benefits.

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2.2 Identification and Description of the Implementing Entity – Identify and describe the Implementing Entity referred to in section 4(c)(1)(B) of the AT Act, if such an Implementing Entity is designated by the Governor.

Founded in 1990, the Assistive Technology Through Action in Indiana (d/b/a Attain Inc.) is the only comprehensive, consumer-responsive statewide assistive technology program in Indiana that is concerned with persons of *all* ages and *all* disabilities. Our mission is to create solutions that enable people with functional limitations to continue to live, learn, work, and play in the community of their choice. Our vision is that all people with functional limitations will have access to assistive devices necessary for independent and meaningful living.

Attain has accrued extensive expertise in working with persons with disabilities, serving more than 300,000 Hoosiers over the past fifteen years. The beneficiaries of our programs and services numbered over 6,700 during the last year and included infants and children as well as older adults.

Under grant agreement #49-5-VC-2331 with the Indiana Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DDARS), Attain will provide comprehensive services which meet the needs of individuals with disabilities. An integrated and innovative delivery system will address issues as they relate to education, employment, community living, policy making, health, aging, information technology and more. Programs and strategies include

- equipment access programs;
- training and education sessions, resource materials, and publications for parents, families, teachers, social workers, therapists, rehabilitation counselors, business and political leaders, consumers and others;
- technical assistance and consultations which include devices-specific training, individual advocacy, and more;
- information dissemination through exhibits, fairs, conferences, publications, and more; and
- interagency coordination and cooperation to foster comprehensive and efficient service.

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- AT Demonstrations
- Attain-A-Computer
- Attain-A-Loan
- Conference
- Education & Advocacy
- Educational Materials
- Exhibits
- Funding Resource Guide
- Home Modifications
- Indiana Equipment Exchange
- Information & Referral
- Information Books/Publications
- Newsletter
- Older Adult Program*
- Public Relations
- Systems Change & Public Policy
- Town Hall Meetings/Focus Groups
- Voc. Rehab Workshops
- Web Accessibility Training
- Website

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Attain brings numerous resources to bear on this work, including a professional and highly-qualified full-time staff of six employees; strategic partnerships with public and private agencies at local, state and federal levels; and a thoughtful strategic plan for the future that repositions Attain to provide substantially more direct service to people with functional limitations.

Key direct service staff includes:

- **Executive Director Gary Hand** has over 35 years senior management experience in health care operations. After moving to Indiana in 1999, Gary shifted his focus to small non-profits involved with the delivery of health care to underserved populations. Gary attended Roanoke College for a bachelor's degree in psychology and continues to expand his knowledge and understanding of health care delivery through continuing education and conferences nationally.
- **Community Outreach Director Kristi Barber** with 15 years experience in marketing and outreach. Prior to joining Attain, Kristi was the director of pediatric outreach for St. Vincent Hospitals, where she marketed the Pediatric Hospital to physicians and medical staff across the state of Indiana. She has her Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University. In her spare time she volunteers for many local non-profits in the Indianapolis area.
- **Director of Assistive Technology Beth Cain, SLP** received both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Ball State University. As the parent of a 19 year-old daughter with a disability, Beth has redirected her career path to pursue her long-term interest in supporting the needs of people with disabilities. Beth has applied her training in medical technology and assistive technology devices to her position at Attain. She recently completed the Assistive Technology Applications Certificate Program through the Center on Disabilities at California State University, Northridge. Beth has experience working with autistic children at Riley Children's Hospital as well as in alternative and augmentative communication at Crossroads Rehabilitation in Indianapolis.

Director of Information Services Chris Duffer has a background in healthcare, having been a medic in the U.S. Air Force, then an emergency medical technician for the ambulance service of Wishard Memorial Hospital. He went on to earn an Associate of Science degree in Digital Electronics at IvyTech State College. He has since added a CompTIA A+ certification in computer repair. He is a Microsoft Certified Professional and he has completed course work for Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer.

- **Development and Training Director Kelley Romweber** has been in the development field for over 20 years assisting a number of nonprofit organizations in securing resources to implement programs. She recently completed the Assistive Technology Applications

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Certificate Program through the Center on Disabilities at California State University, Northridge and manages the assistive technology education and trainings conducted around the state.

Attain staff members serve on numerous committees to stay abreast of the latest trends in assistive technology devices and services. Staff is involved across the full spectrum of disability-related agencies including Frail and Disabled Committee (part of the AdvantAge Initiative), Indiana Speech and Hearing Association, Sertoma Club, Very Special Arts Indiana, First Steps, Vocational Rehabilitation Task Force #4, Americans with Disabilities Act Steering Committee, Indiana Society of Social Work Leaders in Health Care and more.

In addition, Attain collaborates with many private and public institutions such as the University of Indianapolis, Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities project, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Goodwill, and others. Such partnerships allow Attain to leverage programmatic, human and financial resources on behalf of people with functional limitations. No services will be subcontracted.

With fifteen years of experience, an extensive network of contacts and staff expertise, Attain is well positioned to effectively address the needs of all persons with functional limitations and respond to consumer needs quickly in a rapidly changing environment.

2.3 Show of Good Cause for Change in Lead Agency or Implementing Entity – If the Governor has chosen to change the Lead Agency or, if applicable, Implementing Entity as allowed in section 4(c)(1)(C) of the AT Act, provide an explanation of good cause for this redesignation.

Not applicable.

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Attachment 3: State Advisory Council

3.1 Membership of the Advisory Council — Identify the members of the Advisory Council and each member's designation as an individual with disabilities who uses AT, a family member or guardian of such individual, or a representative of a State agency or other entity.

During the three years of this state plan, the Advisory Council will provide consumer-driven, consumer-responsive advice to the state for planning and implementation of the activities of Indiana's Statewide Assistive Technology Program implemented by Attain.

The Advisory Council consists of individuals with disabilities who use AT or families of individuals with disabilities who use AT and representatives from agencies and organizations (public and private) that serve people with disabilities. The council shall consist of a minimum of twelve members and a maximum of eighteen members. Although some representatives from agencies and organizations may have disabilities, they will not be counted toward the majority membership of people with disabilities and family members.

The council has twelve members. Seven members, 58%, are individuals with disabilities who use AT or families of individuals with disabilities who use AT. The remaining five members, 42%, represent agencies including: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Blind and Visually Impaired Services, Indiana Department of Education, Workforce Investment Board and Indiana Centers for Independent Living.

Individuals with Disabilities: (3)

Family Members: (4)

State Agency Representatives: Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Bureau of Blind and Visually Impaired Services; Indiana Department of Education; Workforce Investment Board; Centers for Independent Living.

The composition of the Advisory Council comprises individuals living in counties throughout the state to ensure representation from both rural and urban areas of Indiana. The membership also reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the state as well as a wide variety of AT device usage including mobility devices, augmentative communication devices and computer adaptations.

Members of the Advisory Council include the following:

- Individuals with Disabilities 25%
- Family Members 33%
- State Agency Representative/Other 42%

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3.2 Structure and Operation of the Advisory Council — Describe the structure and operations of the Advisory Council.

Members of the Advisory Council become part of the council in two ways: agency representatives are appointed by their respective agencies, while consumer representatives are volunteers solicited through networks of disability organizations and councils throughout the state. All members are expected to serve a three-year term to coincide with the length of Indiana's state plan.

The Advisory Council is led by a chairperson who has been elected by the members of the council. A similarly elected vice-chair will serve in the absence of the chairperson. The Advisory Council itself will determine the need for subcommittees on a case-by-case basis and will elect members of any proposed subcommittees. Council decisions will be made through member vote.

The Advisory Council will meet in-person four times a year in the state's capital city, Indianapolis. Attain's staff will make the meeting room arrangements, develop materials for information packets for each member, and ensure site and material accessibility. The chairperson of the Advisory Council and the Executive Director of Attain will set the agenda for the Council meetings to ensure that members are informed about state AT issues. Meetings may feature presentations and guest speakers who will be selected based on the input of Council members. Attain staff will update the Advisory Council on the activities of the program, share recent data and present any planned initiatives so that Council members can provide input. The Council chairperson will facilitate discussions to gain input and provide guidance in planning program activities. Minutes of the meeting will be recorded, distributed and maintained by Attain staff.

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Attachment 4: Measurable Goals

During year two as in year one, Attain, Inc. will establish a baseline for each goal using a data collection instrument and procedures determined by RSA after the state plan process has been completed. After year two, an amendment will be submitted which identifies the long-term goal and short-term goals for improving upon this baseline during year three.

4.1 Goal for Improving Access to AT in Education

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for educational purposes as a result of the assistance they received.
 - *Short-term goal for Year 1:* N/A data collection not established.

4.2 Goal for Improving Access to AT in Employment

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for employment purposes as a result of the assistance they received.
 - *Short-term goal for Year 1:* N/A data collection not established

4.3 Goal for Improving Access to AT in Community Living

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for community living as a result of the assistance they received.
 - *Short-term goal for Year 1:* N/A data collection not established

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4.4 Goal for Improving Access to IT and Telecommunications

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service that meets an IT/telecommunications need as a result of the assistance they received.
 - Short-term goal for Year 1: N/A data collection not established

4.5 Goal for Improving Acquisition of AT in Education

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percentage of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for educational purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.
 - *Short-term goal for Year 1:* N/A data collection not established

4.6 Goal for Improving Acquisition of AT in Employment

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percentage of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for employment purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.
 - *Short-term goal for Year 1:* N/A data collection not established

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4.7 Goal for Improving Acquisition of AT in Community Living

- Long-term goal:
 - Short-term goal for Year 3:
 - Short-term goal for Year 2: Establish baseline of the percentage of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for community living purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.
 - *Short-term goal for Year 1: N/A data collection not established*

4.8 Additional Measurable Goals – Not Applicable

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Attachment 5: State-Level Activities

5.1 State Financing Activities — Describe how the State will implement State financing activities as described in section 4(e)(2)(A) of the AT Act.

Attain provides loans to individuals with disabilities for the purchase of AT devices and services through *Attain-a-Loan*, a low-interest, extended-term loan program operating since 1999. Through *Attain-a-Loan*, qualified persons — regardless of age, race, type of disability or type of device needed — can obtain a minimum loan of \$500 up to a maximum of \$5,000 through Attain's partnership with Fifth Third Bank, a regional bank with locations across the state.

Individuals with disabilities or their families may apply directly to Fifth Third Bank for a loan or may be referred to the bank by Attain or any agency or non-profit that serves individuals with disabilities. Fifth Third Bank will review a loan application for the purchase of AT in the same manner it reviews other loan applications.

If the bank is unable to provide a loan because of an individual's credit history or the individual with a disability cannot accept an offered loan because the terms are too difficult to meet, the applicant will be referred to Attain for consideration under Attain's loan guarantee program. Attain's application review board will review the individual's application package and determine their eligibility for loan assistance. An applicant may still be denied a loan based on credit history or financial consideration other than income that may limit the applicant's ability to pay the loan back.

If an individual qualifies, interest rates and term length will be calculated to provide a monthly payment that meets the cash flow needs of the applicant. The loan funds are then provided by Fifth Third Bank to Attain and then to the applicant through a loan guarantee arrangement between Fifth Third Bank and Attain. Attain maintains a restricted fund of \$173,600 to guarantee these loans for eligible applicants. This guarantee helps Attain serve individuals with credit scores below the standard for typical loans.

The *Attain-a-Loan* program is marketed to individuals with disabilities through informational brochures for consumers, agencies and professionals; quarterly newsletters which reach approximately 5,000 persons with disabilities; and a variety of outreach efforts including programs to other disability related agencies, senior centers, targeted conferences and workshops (e.g., the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities) and training programs for professionals. In addition, Attain provides local and toll-free telephone numbers for consumers to find answers and information. An information package can be mailed or e-mailed to interested individuals.

The program will help individuals with disabilities obtain AT devices in many ways. First, unlike standard funding sources, Attain will have eligibility criteria designed to meet the specific needs of people with disabilities. Second, Attain will provide loans for AT, such as hearing aids, home and vehicle modifications and AT devices often not covered by conventional lending. Third, the loan application and approval process at Attain will be

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efficient so individuals often will receive loans and purchase AT sooner than if they waited for funding from public or private sources. Fourth, because Attain will guarantee loans, loans will often be provided to individuals with disabilities who would not be eligible for conventional bank loans.

Over the next three years Attain will work hard with the the state of Indiana to expand and improve the Attain-a-Loan program. Plans for improvement and expansion include:

- 1) Data since 1999 indicate the program is currently underutilized particularly in some rural areas. Attain and the state will proactively collaborate with other disability organizations, particularly in rural areas, to encourage these agencies to include information about Attain-a-Loan in their newsletters, websites, demonstrations and conferences. In year one Attain has provided more information about the Attain-a-Loan program directly to organizations serving people with disabilities. Also, our newly designed brochure of Attain programs and services spotlights the Attain-a-Loan program first.
- 2) Many consumers cannot access AT device loan programs because of poor credit history. Attain will select a consumer credit counseling service accredited by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling to offer appropriate services to those in need. By providing consumers with opportunities to repair their credit, they will enhance their ability to access AT loan programs, especial for “big ticket” items such as accessible vans. In year one, Attain has identified three Credit Counseling agencies and is in final discussions to select one.
- 3) Research potential private and public funding sources for the program. In year one, Attain has not identified and private or public funding sources for the program.
- 4) Research potential to develop a direct grant program that will provide AT equipment for people who cannot otherwise qualify for existing AT loan programs. In year one, Attain did not identify funding for a direct grant program but will continue to look for sources.
- 5) Additionally, Attain has changed the process for loan application. In the past, people were sent a letter listing the qualifications for the loan program and asked to contact Attain if they were qualified. After a close review of the program we determined this was not the best approach and may actually be counter productive. Recent changes to the program make qualification less restrictive and easier to understand. The application is sent along with the qualifications which we believe will increase loan applications. The instruction letter also requests the applicant to call Attain after they have reviewed the application package so we can assist with the completion of the application.

5.2 Device Reutilization Program — Describe how the State will implement a device reutilization program as described in section 4(e)(2)(B) of the AT Act.

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Attain will provide statewide leadership for organizations that are already involved in reutilization programs. This will improve AT access and acquisition to anyone in the state of Indiana. The Attain-a-Computer program, new in 2005, and the Equipment Exchange Network assist in the sale, purchase, trade, loan or donation of used technology-related devices.

Through the Equipment Exchange Network, anyone is able to sell, give away or buy a used AT device. This network serves all ages and all disabilities. For example, current listings include a child's hospital crib, a stroller for a special needs child, a low vision reading system, a telescoping ramp, a gait trainer, a touch window for a Mac computer, voice activated communication systems, educational software for dyslexic students, and numerous other items that address mobility issues, computer adaptations, communications, sensory aids, daily living aids, vehicles and vehicle modification.

The Equipment Exchange Network is marketed to individuals with disabilities through informational brochures for consumers, agencies and professionals; quarterly newsletters which reach approximately 6,000 disability-related agencies, businesses and consumers; and a variety of outreach efforts including programs to other disability related agencies, senior centers, targeted conferences and workshops (e.g., the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities) and training programs for professionals.

Individuals throughout the state may easily contact Attain through the toll-free telephone number or web site to request placement in the Equipment Exchange Network. Terms include the following:

- Attain does not warrant the condition of the device.
- Attain accepts no liability that may result between the transaction of the buyer and the seller/donor.
- The seller/donor agrees to provide Attain with the original price and the sold price of the item and the contact information of the buyer.
- The seller/donor provides Attain with a description of the device along with any special features.
- Attain will consider a listing fee based on the sales price of the item. Donated items will not carry a listing fee.
- No personal information is listed on the Equipment Exchange Network except for first name, telephone, and email when available.

Attain is utilizing the services of Agoranet as the web host and developer of the Equipment Exchange Network database. Once the seller/donor has provided the appropriate information, the device is listed on the Attain website. Used AT devices will be listed by category and be accompanied by a brief description of the device, the asking price and photo

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if available. Categories currently include communications, daily living aids, mobility, hospital beds, sensory aids, vehicles and vehicle modification equipment. A copy of the listings will also be included each quarter in the Attain newsletter.

If an individual with a disability or family member is looking for a used device, he or she will contact Attain using the same methods as the seller. If a buyer locates a device to purchase, he or she will contact the seller/donor directly. The buyer and seller/donor will negotiate the terms of exchanging the device including price and shipping without any involvement of Attain. A follow-up questionnaire will be sent to the buyer and seller to collect consumer satisfaction information. A tool to collect useful consumer satisfaction information is currently being developed in coordination with Angoranet and several other Device Reutilization programs across the country.

The Equipment Exchange Network will help individuals with disabilities obtain AT devices in many ways. First, devices are often more affordable because they are used and often offered for free or at a low price. Second, individuals with disabilities do not need to meet any eligibility criteria to obtain a device. Third, the Equipment Exchange Network includes devices that are not available through other private and public funding. Fourth, some included devices will no longer be manufactured, making Attain one of the few sources for this device. Fifth, individuals with disabilities will often get devices much sooner through the Equipment Exchange Network than through applications for funding from public or private sources.

Attain will continue to work to expand and improve the Equipment Exchange Network. Plans for expansion and improvement include:

1. Continue offering a searchable database on Attain's web site for buyers and sellers/donors. This database will include brief descriptions and photographs when available.
2. Expanding marketing efforts to include statewide advertising in newsletters of disability organizations; at local, regional and statewide conferences, and through other targeted media outlets.
3. Increase partnerships with other disability related organizations throughout the state to increase the number of available AT items and enhance the size and utility of the searchable database. In 2006, we have added 10 new partners and continue efforts to secure more across the state. Attain is the lead agency working with a number of Indiana organizations in an effort to combine equipment exchange programs and create a single point of contact for consumers seeking recycled equipment. This ongoing collaboration will continue as we bring additional organizations into the partnership, creating a statewide network that can be accessed by the consumer with a single phone call or web site inquiry.

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4. Develop relationships with AT vendors that have the skills to refurbish or repair selected equipment. In 2007, Attain will be looking to expand the program to include minor repairs for equipment received through donations. We will identify any vendors or volunteers who may have the skills to make those minor repairs before distribution.
5. Work with the state to explore program and systems change in funding used AT equipment through Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance, which do not currently cover used or refurbished AT equipment. Attain will continue to identify states which currently fund used AT equipment and propose a similar model to appropriate state personnel. Because of major funding cuts in our state, we anticipate barriers and will attempt to work with them when identified.

In addition to the Equipment Exchange Network, Attain also offers a statewide program that helps people with disabilities obtain their own computer. Computers can play an important role in enhancing both personal independence and employability. For example, a computer equipped with Zoomtext (screen magnification) and speech reader can significantly enhance workplace skills for an individual with visual impairments.

Attain, as a Certified Microsoft Refurbisher, and through the generosity of individuals and local businesses, will refurbish donated computers and provides them at no cost to qualified people with disabilities through the Attain-a-Computer program. An application and appropriate documentation is required to benefit from the program. Terms include the following:

- The applicant must demonstrate the inability to pay for or acquire the equipment from other sources.
- The applicant must demonstrate a need for the computer to increase independence.
- The applicant must verify a disability as defined in the Rehabilitation Act.
- The applicant agrees to return the computer and equipment when no longer needed.

Donated equipment is fully inspected, tested, and loaded with the appropriate licensed software by Attain's director of information systems. Since the inception of this program in 2005, Attain has distributed 115 computers to people with disabilities.

5.3 Device Loan Program — Describe how the State will implement a device loan program as described in section 4(e)(2)(C) of the AT Act.

Attain continues to operate a short-term Equipment Loan Program, which is marketed through our web site, quarterly newsletters, and outreach efforts to appropriate agencies and organizations. This program allows individuals with disabilities the opportunity to 1) try out a device before purchasing it, 2) provide a loaner device for individuals whose own devices are being repaired, and 3) allows professionals a chance to use a device to assess its

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feasibility for client use. When individuals with disabilities, their families, and professionals are able to try out AT devices in their natural environments, they learn more about what devices meet their needs or the needs of those they are serving. As a result, this experience helps them make informed choices about what device to purchase or whether to purchase a device at all.

To operate the Equipment Loan Program Attain accepts loan requests from a person with a disability or their family members, advocates and service providers. The borrower may request a maximum of six devices at any one time. The length of the device loan is four to six weeks with a possible extension.

No person will be denied a loan based on age, race, type of disability, income or location in the state. If the device is currently in stock and not currently being loaned, Attain will deliver or ship the item. If the device is not in stock, the requestor will be put on a waiting list. If the item is not included in the inventory, Attain will refer that person to an appropriate vendor.

Because some devices available for loan may require specialized training, the person requesting the loan will be asked to identify who recommended the device and who will provide support during the loan period. Training may include centers for independent living staff, vocational rehabilitation counselors, teachers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, etc.

Due to rapid changes and innovations in AT technology, the short-term Equipment Loan Program cannot realistically offer a comprehensive menu of AT devices. However, Attain expects to expand the type of devices offered by:

- 1) updating and enhancing the computerized inventory system of devices and making it available to consumers, providers and other partners through Attain's web site; In 2006, we have listed all items available through the equipment lending library on our web site so people can view a complete list. We have also expanded the quantity and variety of items and now have approximately 800 pieces of equipment.
- 2) increasing the number of items available for equipment loans by expanding partnerships with businesses and vendors; As a member of the Association of Tech Act Projects, we have received a number of discounts on devices and will continue to work with local businesses and vendors to build the relationship and help provide access to the available equipment.
- 3) identifying and establishing partnerships throughout the state with organizations that can specialize in particular types of AT to ensure that most types are available for loans; Attain is currently working with a number of agencies who receive loans for their clients. Therapists and counselors receive device training if necessary and provide access to their clients through the lending library.

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- 4) identifying potential funders to increase purchased inventory; Attain has identified two private funders in Indiana who has granted dollars for the lending library.
- 5) implementing rental fees based on a sliding scale to sustain and update equipment; At this time, Attain does not use a rental fee for the equipment.
- 6) increasing outreach to professionals and consumers on program availability through enhanced advertising and marketing efforts (mailings, newsletters, Internet, conferences and workshops, etc.) Numerous presentations are given throughout the state about Attain and this program. As a result, device loan requests are increasing. We have also developed a brochure about the program that is distributed through a number of venues.

5.4 Device Demonstration Program— Describe how the State will implement a device demonstration program as described in section 4(e)(2)(D) of the AT Act.

Attain provides demonstrations in which individuals with disabilities, family representatives, service providers, educators and employers can see, touch and learn about assistive technology devices. The demonstrations increase access to AT by allowing consumers and agencies to have individual or group introduction and trainings on the uses and benefits of specific AT devices. The program is designed to give consumers, family members and professionals working with disabilities the opportunity to make informed decisions on possible devices and effective usage. All demonstrations are utilized to assist in the areas of employment, education, community living, information technology and telecommunications.

Attain's qualified staff currently demonstrate a number of devices that are available and work with the family or caregiver to gain access to a device through Attain's short-term Equipment Loan Program. Training on how to use the device is also provided to the consumer. Attain can also assist the consumer in locating and ordering a specific device by supplying the names and contact information for various vendors and by placing the order for the consumer if needed.

Attain will expand its reach for device demonstrations through a number of partnerships and by creating regional centers throughout the state. We will:

- 1) Identify and develop regional demonstration centers through an appropriate network of partners with AT knowledge. The six regional sites will include Indiana's Northwest, Northeast, Central, Southeast and Southwest regions (as defined by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation). Partner sites will store essential equipment (as needs are identified) and host demonstration events. As this program grows in 2007, Attain will be ready to identify potential regional centers to reach the entire state.
- 2) Provide ongoing training for Attain staff and staff of regional demonstration centers on the use and mechanics of AT equipment. When regional sites are implemented, an ongoing training program will be implemented.

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- 3) Set up a tracking system for all acquired equipment and list these on Attain's web site. In 2006, Attain completed a tracking system that will be further developed in 2007. It will include a complete inventory system that will also help in data collection for reporting purposes.
- 4) Maintain and expand number of devices available for demonstrations through expanded relationships with AT vendors and external funding. Through the Association of AT Act Projects, we receive a discount on selected items and are also working the any local vendors like GW Micro to be available for demonstrations.
- 5) Provide print materials to promote availability of program. These will be distributed through conferences and workshops, exhibit presentations, mailings, etc. In 2006, a brochure describing this program was created and is made available through all presentations, specific targeted mailings, conferences, exhibits, and any other outreach efforts.
- 6) Provide a calendar of scheduled demonstrations and locations on web site. Attain receives specific requests for demonstrations of equipment that are not necessarily open to the public. As the program grows and regional sites are expanded, we will look at a coordinated effort for announcing demonstrations.

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Attachment 6: Comparable Support

6.1 Source and Amount of Support – Identify the State-level activity for which there is comparable support, the source of this support, the amount of the support, and the Federal fiscal year for which this support is being provided.

6.2 Comparability -- Demonstrate that this support is comparable in terms of funding and that the activities are comparable in terms of scope.

6.3 Coordination and Collaboration – Describe how the State will coordinate activities and collaborate with the appropriate entity, if the comparable funds are provided to, or the activities are conducted by, an entity other than the Lead Agency or Implementing Entity.

This section not applicable.

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Attachment 7: State Flexibility

7.1 Activity – Identify each State-level activity the State is choosing not to carry out.

7.2 Maintenance of Statewideness and Comprehensiveness – Demonstrate that the Statewide AT Program will continue to be comprehensive without conducting this activity.

7.3 Achievement of Measurable Goals - Demonstrate that the State can reach its measurable education goals, employment goals, telecommunications and information technology goals, and community living goals without conducting such activities.

7.4 Coordination and Collaboration – Describe how the Lead Agency or Implementing Entity will coordinate activities and collaborate with entities in the State that do conduct this activity, if the State chooses not to conduct this activity because another entity already conducts it.

This section not applicable.

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Attachment 8: State Leadership Activities

8.1 Training and Technical Assistance Activities — Describe how the State will provide training and technical assistance to enhance the knowledge, skills, and competencies of individuals from local settings statewide, including representatives of State and local educational agencies, other State and local agencies, early intervention programs, adult service programs, hospitals and other health care facilities, institutions of higher education and business as described in section 4(e)(3)(B)(i) of the AT act.

TRAINING

Attain presents a number of training activities. The organization has developed a number of trainings targeted for specific audiences and on specific topics and anticipates continuing to deliver such trainings upon request. These trainings will focus on increasing the knowledge and skills of professionals working with disabilities including vocational rehabilitation counselors; social workers; special education teachers and school administrators; parent groups of students with disabilities; occupational, speech and physical therapists; staff at disability agencies; appropriate staff at nursing homes and assisted living and retirement facilities; and employers of individuals with disabilities.

The goals of training activities over the next three years will be to increase participants' awareness, knowledge and skills in:

- the availability and benefits of assistive technology,
- identifying needs for assistive technology,
- using AT equipment within specific environments, and
- finding, funding and supporting AT devices.

Customized training will also be available to those who request it. Attain will work with the proper educational organizations to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for participants such as social workers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, occupational and physical therapists, speech and language pathologists and others.

- *Training for Education Professionals:* Training will be provided to special education professionals, occupational and physical therapists as well as parents and teachers in local communities. These trainings will teach participants how to access and use appropriate AT for students.
- *Training for Employment Professionals:* Training will be provided to vocational rehabilitation counselors, state and local agencies, and others involved in placing people with disabilities in employment. Trainings will teach participants how to identify and understand workplace AT needs and how to acquire and support AT devices.

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- *Training for Community Living Professionals:* Training will be provided to professionals who work with consumers living in community settings. Professionals will include those employed within health care, nursing homes, adult daycare centers, senior centers, assisting living centers, retirement communities, etc. Trainings will teach participants how to identify and understand the particular AT needs of older adults and how to acquire and support related AT devices that enhance independent living.

Trainings will occur throughout the year and a schedule will be published in the quarterly newsletter, on Attain's web site, and will be announced in other agency newsletters and outreach efforts.

The trainings will be available through a number of regular sessions (e.g., monthly trainings are available for new vocational rehabilitation counselors), conferences and workshops as well as at the annual statewide conference presented by Attain and other partners. This conference is open to anyone interested in AT issues and typically includes a wide range of professionals, consumers with disabilities, family members, teachers and vendors. A number of workshops are offered to provide information on AT devices, disability issues, funding for AT, public policy and current legislation, research and development in AT, and integration in education, employment and community.

Attain will also be looking for a partner to provide training on web accessibility and Section 508 design standards (federal guidelines for website accessibility). The training will educate web designers in the community on the elements of an accessible web site, federal mandates for accessibility, and the specific skills needed to design a fully accessible web site. In 2005, Attain attempted an unsuccessful web design contest through Knowbility. Some of the barriers included getting the time commitment of the web designers as well as the comfort level of nonprofits who would be redesigning their web sites to make them accessible. We are now currently looking into partnering with the local NPower organization which provides technology assistance and training to a number of designers and nonprofits. Since NPower works closely with these groups and provides training and information to both, we anticipate web accessibility information being incorporated in several of their trainings.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Because Attain provides technical assistance to agencies and organizations by request, it is difficult to predict the type of technical assistance that will be provided over the next three years.

In the past, Attain has provided technical assistance to a variety of agencies. For example:

- Attain provided technical assistance to the Indiana Bureau of Quality Improvement Services to create an evaluation system for home modification bids from contractors. The system provides a complete assessment tool to review the needs and requirements of specific modifications in coordination with building codes.

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- Attain provided ADA compliance inspections for a number of businesses and organizations including the Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation office in Bloomington. The inspections cover certain requirements for businesses mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Attain will continue to provide assistance as requested to improve access and acquisition of AT in education, employment, and community living settings.

TRANSITION

The AT Act requires that Attain specifically focus on training and technical assistance around transition. This includes transition for students with disabilities who are leaving high school for employment or post-secondary education and transition for those individuals who are entering or maintaining community living. Attain is currently developing two training modules through identifying existing materials and adapting them to Indiana to specifically address these areas of transition.

- One module will be aimed at providing special educators, vocational rehabilitation counselors, parents, and students involved in transition with the skills and knowledge they need to successfully include AT in all transition planning. Elements of this training also will be infused in the general AT training provided to education professionals and vocational rehabilitation counselors.
- A second module will be aimed at employees of nursing homes and other supported living environments, family members, and consumers with disabilities to provide them with the skills and knowledge they need to successfully include AT in all transition planning. Elements of this training also will be infused in the general AT training provided to centers for independent living.

Elements of both training modules will also be infused in all trainings when appropriate.

Following the development of these modules, Attain will explore additional venues and funding opportunities so that these trainings can be provided free of charge throughout the state in subsequent years.

8.2 Public Awareness Activities — Describe how the State will provide information to targeted individuals and entities relating to the availability, benefits, appropriateness, and costs of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services as described in section 4(e)(3)(B)(ii) of the AT Act.

Attain uses a multifaceted approach (mailings, Internet, exhibits, information and referral, presentations, trainings and advertisements) to increase awareness about the benefits of assistive technology devices and services, the types of AT devices and services available, funding for AT devices and services, and policies related to AT. Attain will provide the following public awareness activities:

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- *Information and Referral:* In Indiana, consumers can access a statewide information and referral service by dialing 211. While various agencies provide information and referral about disabilities generally, only Attain provides free information and referral services on wide range of specific AT issues for people of all ages with all disabilities. Within the 211 service, Attain is listed as the statewide agency for all assistive technology issues including vendor information, funding for AT, AT availability through the device reutilization program, service coordination, and service requests. Family members, service providers and others who work in the disability field may also use this service. A consumer satisfaction survey will be mailed to callers who provide contact information to determine if they were satisfied with the information provided by Attain or if they need additional information.
- *Newsletter:* The Attain newsletter is disseminated both on the web site and in hard copy. It is distributed on a quarterly basis to 6,000 disability-related agencies, business and consumers. Regular sections of the newsletter include AT information on current events at Attain, recent AT developments, program highlights, partial listings of device reutilization items and updates or news on disability issues.
- *Web Site:* The Attain web site features information on Attain programs and services, listings for the Equipment Exchange Program, current legislative updates, an AT “Product of the Month,” additional resources and links, and contact information. This web site will be expanded over the next three years to include additional information such as the inventory for device loans and demonstrations, and information for use by therapists, service providers, employers, teachers, family members and consumers.
- *Publications:* Training materials and publications that cover AT information will be developed and disseminated for all types of audiences and disabilities. Several consumer-oriented books will be developed to provide information about assistive technology in Indiana. These will provide information about legislation, availability of assistive technology, funding avenues, resources, as well as ideas for assistive technology solutions for individuals with all types of disabilities, including hidden disabilities related to memory, attention, confusion, safety, task completion, socialization and others. Publications, which will be available in alternative formats, will include:
 - *Assistive Technology for People with Hidden Disabilities*
 - *Assistive Technology for Parents with Disabilities*
 - *Assistive Technology for Children*
 - *Assistive Technology on the Job*
 - *Assistive Technology for the Elderly*
- *Statewide AT Conference:* Attain brings awareness about AT devices and services to a number of conferences and workshops throughout the year, including Attain’s annual conference. Each year Attain presents a themed conference, which provides

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training and awareness around a specific topic. In 2006, Attain partnered with the Indiana Area Agency on Aging to provide assistive technology education to case managers across the state. Demonstrations of equipment are also offered at specific conferences and workshops and in response to individual requests throughout the year. Attain organizes presentations on assistive technology in Indiana and demonstrates a number of devices to targeted audiences which assists in increasing knowledge of availability and benefits of AT for people with disabilities.

8.3 Coordination and Collaboration — Describe how the State will coordinate activities among public and private entities that are responsible for policies, procedures, or funding for the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities, service providers, and others to improve access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services as described in section 4(e)(3)(B)(iii) of the AT Act.

Coordination and collaboration with public and private entities often is based on emerging, new, or changing policies and procedures. Attain cannot anticipate all of the coordination and collaboration opportunities that we will undertake over the next three years. Agency staff will continue to participate on task forces sponsored by state agencies, becoming members of appropriate groups and committees related to disability issues and participating in a number of networks and programs that can assist Attain in improving access and acquisition of assistive technology for people with disabilities. For example:

- Attain is currently collaborating with the University of Indianapolis to develop a certification program for home builders and service providers of home modifications. This collaboration is currently looking at providing a curriculum-based training modeled after the Certified Aging In Place Specialist (CAPS) program.
- Attain is assisting with the collection, interpretation and dissemination of information regarding the Indianapolis portion of the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) National Demonstration Project as provided by a grant to the Indianapolis Chapter of the Jewish Community Relations Council. The project will stress the necessity of AT equipment and services for the growing elderly population in Indianapolis in order for them to remain in home-based settings as long as possible.

Attain anticipates coordinating and collaborating on programs and policies in a similar manner over the next three years.

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Attachment 9: Involvement of Public and Private Entities

9.1 Nature and Extent of Resources — Describe the nature and extent of resources that will be committed by public and private collaborators to assist in accomplishing identified goals.

It is difficult to identify all public and private collaborations at this time as Attain is always searching for partners for efficient service delivery. We anticipate a continued partnership with Fifth Third Bank for the state financing program in providing low interest loans for consumers' AT purchases. It is anticipated that Attain will continue its partnership with the University of Indianapolis for a home modification certification program for home builders, and a number of organizations to provide continuing education credits for training programs including the Indiana Chapter of National Association of Social Workers, Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, and the Indiana Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselor Board. We also plan on applying to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the American Occupational Therapy Association in 2006.

Attain has secured a number of partnerships with other agencies for the device reutilization, equipment loan, or demonstration programs. Some of these include United Cerebral Palsy, Brain Injury Association, Easterseals Crossroads, and INARF. We will continue to search for additional appropriate partnerships for these programs.

In addition, private grant makers provide critical support for a variety of activities. The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, a local private foundation, has awarded Attain \$75,000 annually during 2004 and 2005. These restricted funds helped support direct services to people with disabilities and costs that are not covered by existing contracts. Funds are used for home modifications, equipment purchases, establishing a volunteer program, and assisting in a program to diversify the funding for the organization.

The Hoover Family Foundation, another small private foundation, awarded Attain a grant of \$8,000 to purchase assistive technology devices to increase inventory of the Equipment Loan and Demonstration programs.

9.2 Mechanisms to Ensure Coordination - Describe the mechanisms established to ensure coordination of activities and collaboration between the implementing entity, if any, and the State.

As the Implementing Entity, Attain will enter into an administrative agreement with the Lead Agency, the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDARS). This administrative agreement will set forth the activities that must be conducted by Attain on behalf of DDARS and the system of oversight to be provided by the Department of Education. DDARS will have a Project Officer assigned to oversee the administrative agreement, and the Executive Director of Attain will meet monthly with this Project Officer to discuss activities and the implementation of this state plan. The Project Officer also will attend all Advisory Council meetings for Attain, while the Executive Director of Attain will serve on the advisory committee to DDARS. Attain will submit monthly expenditure reports

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to the Project Officer for review and approval, while the DDARS Project Officer will ensure that the DDARS fiscal unit provides timely and appropriate assistance Attain. Attain will also provide annual reports to DDARS on activities completed, activities planned, and any data related to those activities.

9.3 Involvement of State Advisory Council - Describe the nature and extent of the involvement of the State Advisory Council in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting the measurable goals required in section 4(d)(3).

The state plan reflects the ideas, recommendation, and observation of the State Advisory Council. Each member's participation in the plan development will assist the state in meeting its desire to improve the lives of people with disabilities through improving access and acquisition to assistive technology.

The Council will meet on a quarterly basis to evaluate progress toward established goals and to offer suggestions for improvement and change. Baseline data will be reviewed and evaluated quarterly and any adjustments necessary will be made in response to recommendations of the Advisory Council.

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Attachment 10: State Support

10.1 State Support for State-level Activities – If applicable, describe how the State will support with State funds any State-level activities described in section 4(e)(2).

It is anticipated that each year, Vocational Rehabilitation Services will include funds in its budget that will be provided to Attain. These funds will be provided to Attain to support the device loan and device reutilization activities by covering portions of salaries and fringe benefits as well as travel expenses for staff working on these activities. This funding will also cover a portion of the equipment purchases each year to update and upgrade the devices used for loans. However, this funding is available based on state appropriations and is not guaranteed.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services will also work with Attain to provide storage space in regional office locations to facilitate storage and delivery of AT loan devices. To the degree possible, VR staff may be used to deliver and retrieve AT loan devices within their region.

10.2 State Support for State Leadership Activities - If applicable, describe how the State will support with State funds any State Leadership activities described in section 4(e)(3), if applicable.

It is anticipated that each year Vocational Rehabilitation Services will include funds in its budget that will be provided to Attain. These funds will support training and technical assistance activities by covering a portion of salaries, fringe benefits, and travel expenses for Attain staff providing training and technical assistance. This funding will also help cover some of the other routine administrative costs such as office rent, office supplies, telephone, printing, postage, etc related to the program. However, this funding is available based on state appropriations and is not guaranteed.

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Attachment 11: Allocation and Utilization of Funds

11.1 Tracking Expenditures — Describe planned procedures for tracking expenditures for activities described in sections 4(e)(2) and (3).

All departments of Attain use the same software based fiscal system to record and track income and expenditures. A comprehensive coding system was developed several years ago to provide Attain detailed accounting by Department and project. Attain will maintain fiscal records to separate departmental expenditures by State Level and State Leadership Activities under this grant and will code expenditures accordingly. Reports can be obtained to monitor expenditures to assure that Attain is in compliance with the percentages and budget amounts as per the State Plan. It will be the responsibility of Attain's Executive Director to monitor expenditures on a monthly basis.

11.2 Proposed Budget Allocations — Attach a budget containing proposed allocations for activities described in sections 4(e)(2) and (3).

The following page shows the proposed budget allocations for State Leadership and State Level Activities for Year 1 of the project. These numbers will serve as an estimate only for Year 2 and Year 3 of this State Plan.

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Proposed Allocation	Distribution	Total Award Amount \$442,200
Direct Costs		
State Level	60%	\$241,200
State Leadership	40%	\$160,800
<i>Leadership Activities</i> 79.21 % (of 40%)		\$127,363
<i>Transition</i> 20.79 % (of 40%)		\$ 33,437
SubTotal - Direct Costs	100%	\$402,000
Indirect Costs (10% of direct costs)		\$ 40,200
TOTAL PROGRAM COST		\$442,200

Within the above budget, Attain proposes to apportion funds for specific activities in an estimate only for Year 2 and Year 3 of this State Plan

State Level Activities	Proposed Allocation
State Financing Activities	\$ 23,235
Device Reutilization Program	\$ 66,078
Device Loan Program	\$ 50,456
Device Demonstration Program	\$101,431
State Leadership Activities	Proposed Allocation
Training and Technical Assistance Activities	\$ 39,964
Transition	\$ 33,437
Public Awareness	\$ 65,682
Coordination and Collaboration	\$ 21,717

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Part II – Assurances

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Section 1 – Recordkeeping, Data Collection, and Reporting

1.1 The State will annually collect data related to the required activities implemented by the State under this section in order to prepare the progress reports required under subsection 4(f) of the Act. *Section 4(d)(6)(A)*

1.2 The State will prepare reports to the Secretary in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this Act and keep such records and allow access to such records as the Secretary may require to ensure the correctness and verification of information provided to the Secretary. *Section 4(d)(6)(H)*

1.3 The Lead Agency will submit the State Plan for AT on behalf of the State to ensure conformance with Federal and State accounting requirements. *Section 4(c)(1)(A)(i)(II)*

1.4 The Lead Agency will submit the progress report on behalf of the State. *Section 4(f)*

Section 2 – Administration of Funds

2.1 The Lead Agency will control and administer the funds received through the grant. *Section 4(d)(6)(C)*

2.2 Funds received through the grant will be expended in accordance with Section 4 of the Act, and will be used to supplement, and not supplant, funds available from other sources for technology-related assistance, including the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services. *Section 4(d)(6)(B)*

2.3 The State will adopt such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for the funds received through the grant. *Section 4(d)(6)(D)*

2.4 Funds made available through a grant to a State under this Act will not be used for direct payment for an assistive technology device for an individual with a disability. *Section 4(e)(5)*

2.5 A public agency or an individual with a disability holds title to any property purchased with funds received under the grant and administers that property. *Section 4(d)(6)(F)*

Section 3 – Accessibility of Programs

3.1 The physical facility of the Lead Agency and Implementing Entity, if any, meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities. *Section 4(d)(6)(E)*

3.2 Activities carried out in the State that are authorized under this Act, and supported by Federal funds received under this Act, will comply with the standards established by the

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Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (20 U.S.C. 794d). *Section 4(d)(6)(G)*

Section 4 – Requirements of 34 CFR 76.104

- 4.1 The plan is submitted by the State agency that is eligible to submit this plan.
- 4.2 The State agency has authority under State law to perform the functions of the State under this program.
- 4.3 The State legally may carry out each provision of this plan.
- 4.4 All provisions of this plan are consistent with State law.
- 4.5 A State officer, specified by title in this certification, has authority under State law to receive, hold, and disburse Federal funds made available under the plan.
- 4.6 The State officer who submits this plan, specified by title in this certification, has authority to submit this plan.
- 4.7 The agency that submits this plan has adopted or otherwise formally approved this plan.
- 4.8 The plan is the basis for State operation and administration of the program.

After having carefully reviewed sections 1-4 of Part II of the State Plan for AT and the corresponding statute, the undersigned, authorized to sign the document on behalf of their respective organizations, hereby affirm that the State of Indiana is in compliance and will remain in compliance with the aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this STATE PLAN FOR AT.

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants must review the requirements for certification regarding lobbying included in the regulations cited below before completing this form. Applicants must sign this form to comply with the certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." This certification is a material representation of fact upon which the Department of Education relies when it makes a grant or enters into a cooperative agreement.

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a Federal contract, grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants and contracts under grants and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
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