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A Great American Workforce

(NAPSA)—According to a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll, 70 percent of Americans think it is “very” or “somewhat important” to buy U.S.-made products. Fortunately, when it comes to the kind of quality long associated with the phrase “Made in the U.S.A.,” the more than 5,800 people who are blind working in National Industries for the Blind’s (NIB) nationwide network of associated nonprofit agencies are ready to deliver.

The items they produce and services they provide have always been made and delivered right here in the United States. That’s because since 1938, NIB’s mission has been to create job opportunities for Americans who are blind, helping them become valued contributors to the U.S. economy and reducing reliance on government benefits.

In fact, NIB associated agencies make more than 7,000 different products in the U.S. and offer high-demand professional services, while providing training, competitive pay, benefits, career growth and upward mobility to Americans who are blind.

The work they do includes:

• **Supporting the Troops:** The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind and Vision Impaired produces about 30,000 items daily, mostly for the U.S. military and federal government.



NIB and its associated nonprofit agencies are America’s best-kept secret.

- **Partnering with Private Industry:** In Washington state, The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. has contracted with The Boeing Company to produce parts for airplanes.
- **Serving Veterans:** IFB Solutions in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, makes nearly 2,000 pairs of lenses each day for the nation’s veterans in its optical lab.
- **Providing Outstanding Customer Care:** Veterans and family members calling the Albany Stratton VA hospital receive prompt assistance through the call center operated by the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Utica, New York.

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Visit NIB.org to learn more about NIB’s great American workforce of people who are blind.