



## Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

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### **Industries Division of Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh Receives 100 Percent on ISO Audit**

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh's Industries division has received a 100 percent score on its International Organization for Standardization (ISO) audit and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. ISO is an international standard-setting body composed of representatives from various national standards organizations. As the world's largest developer of voluntary international standards, ISO provides world-class specifications for products, services and systems to ensure quality, safety and efficiency.

PBA Industries is the manufacturing and assembly division of Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services. More than 95 percent of PBA Industries workers are blind or vision impaired craftsmen who create a variety of products for both public and private sectors.

ISO 9001:2008 specifies requirements for a quality management system where an organization

- needs to demonstrate its ability to consistently provide product that meets customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and
- aims to enhance customer satisfaction through the effective application of the system, including processes for continual improvement of the system and the assurance of conformity to customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

According to Tara Zimmerman, operations director, "The ISO 9001:2008 requirements reflect our own quality policy: The Industries division will continuously provide products and services that meet or exceed quality expectations of our customers while maintaining our leadership in product quality reputation and customer service."

#### **MORE ABOUT BVRS**

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, [www.bvrspittsburgh.org](http://www.bvrspittsburgh.org), a 105-year-old private nonprofit, is a leader in programs and services for people of all ages who are blind, vision impaired, or have other disabilities. We believe in independence through rehabilitation. Our mission is to change the lives of persons with vision loss and other disabilities by fostering independence and individual choice.

We offer comprehensive and personalized computer instruction, employment and vocational services, personal adjustment to blindness training, independence skill building, in-home instruction, low vision services, children's vision screening, prevention of blindness services, and an industrial employment program. BVRS is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services (NAC).

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