

PBA Industries: Providing manufacturing jobs for individuals who are blind/vision impaired

For more than 100 years, PBA Industries, a division of Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, has been a leader in providing employment opportunities to persons who are blind or vision impaired.

For the past two years, PBA Industries was a Pittsburgh Business Times “Manufacturer of the Year” finalist. The division is ISO 9001:2008 certified, assuring that the highest standards are in place to meet our customers’ needs.

More than 90 percent of PBA Industries workers are blind or vision impaired craftspeople. They

create a variety of products such as construction safety items, reflective roll-up highway signs, and textiles for both the public and private sectors. PBA Industries works closely with the Pennsylvania Industries for the Blind and Handicapped and the National Industries for the Blind to provide products and services to federal and state governments.

PBA Industries also is an authorized distributor of Crypton, a high performance fabric. In addition, employees of Industries can create custom products like bed sheets, table runners, and placemats to meet specific needs. This stain and

moisture-resistant fabric can be purchased through PBA Industries website pbaindustries.org by both businesses and individuals.

In addition, PBA Industries is a great resource for outsourcing packaging, assembly, and light manufacturing jobs without hiring additional staff or securing more warehouse space.

The PBA Products and Services division offers customized commercial property services while providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Services include janitorial services, floor care and carpet cleaning.

Businesses and individuals who partner with PBA Industries can satisfy their unique product needs and, at the same time, provide employment for skilled workers who are blind and vision impaired.

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