**Notice of Public Hearing**

**Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS)**

**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)**

**Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind (OVRB)**

MDRS will conduct a public hearing on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Madison

Central Office located at 1281 Highway 51 North, Madison, MS and the remote sites listed below. This hearing will provide an opportunity for interested citizens, especially those with disabilities, to comment on changes to the FY 2020 State Plan for OVR and OVRB.

Copies of the proposed State Plan will be available in large print for review beginning Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Madison Central Office and the locations listed below. The proposed State Plan will also be linked on the MDRS website.  A version of the State Plan in Braille is available upon request.  If you would like to review the State Plan on Newsline a service for the blind, at no cost, you may access online at [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org) or contact Margaret Y. Smitherman, Reader’s Advisor, at MS Talkingbook Services, MS Library Commission, 601.432.4111.   All comments regarding changes to the FY 2020 State Plan received during the public hearing or submitted in writing will need to be noted, recorded and considered.

Remote public hearing sites will be at the following locations.

1. AbilityWorks, Inc. – Jackson

3895 Beasley Road

Jackson, MS 39213

(601) 898-7076

1. AbilityWorks, Inc. – Tupelo

613 Pegram Drive

Tupelo, MS 38802

(662) 842-2144

1. AbilityWorks, Inc. – Greenwood

2503 Browning Road

Greenwood, MS 38930

(662) 453-7500

1. AbilityWorks, Inc. – Meridian

1003 College Drive

Meridian, MS 39034

(601) 649-8094

1. AbilityWorks, Inc. – Brookhaven

934 Industrial Park Road, N.E.

Brookhaven, MS 39601

(601) 833-3201

For further information regarding this public hearing, call 1-800-443-1000 ext. 5336

1. AbilityWorks, Inc. – Harrison Cty.

10280 Larkin-Smith Drive

Gulfport, MS 39503

 (228) 897-7616

1. Addie McBryde Center

2550 Peachtree Street

Jackson, MS 39296

(601) 364-2700

8. The ARC of Mississippi

704 North President Street

Jackson, MS 39202

(601) 355-0220

9. The ARC of Coastal Counties

 3109 Gulf Avenue

 Gulfport, MS 39501

 (228) 868-9755