

## **Project Search Pilot Commitment Letter**

This letter signifies the engagement and commitment of (Insert Agency Name Here) at all levels including the Board of Directors and the Executive Director/CEO to participate in the Project Search Pilot Opportunity being sponsored by the Department of Developmental Disabilities. By signing this we understand that we are agreeing to the following:

- A three year commitment to establish and maintain a licensed Project SEARCH program.
  - Participate in on-going discussion groups quarterly or more frequently if mutually agreed upon.
  - Participate in Community Learning activities and present at Leadership Forums to share knowledge and learning
- Assign staff to coordinate and lead agency involvement
- Identify an employer with diverse internship opportunities to be the project SEARCH Host Site at which to establish the program.
- Share annual outcome data with DDS to demonstrate how participation in Project SEARCH has increased employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

In Addition, signature signifies agreement with the following principles:

- Commitment to Employment First principles
- Commitment to Project Search Model
- Commitment to serve individuals in new, innovative employment options.
- Openness to learning together
- Engagement at all levels from Board of Directors, Executive Director, Program Directors, Supervisors, Direct Care Staff, Individuals and families being supported.

**This commitment letter has been reviewed with the Board of Directors and represents the Board's and the Executive Director/CEO's full commitment to the Project SEARCH Pilot if selected.**

Board Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_