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**Brevard Achievement Center Wins \$11.2 Million Department of Transportation Contract**  
*Agreement expands agency's reach into west central Florida*

Rockledge, Fla. – Brevard Achievement Center (BAC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides innovative programs and services, as well as employment opportunities for people with disabilities, recently won a seven-year, \$11.2 million contract with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide janitorial and minor maintenance services to rest stops and weigh stations along west central I-75.

The \$1.6 million annual contract will employ a total of 80 people, 60 of which will be people with disabilities, to service eight rest stops and two weigh stations along I-75 in Marion, Sumter, Pasco and Hillsborough counties. BAC will be a subcontractor for RESPECT of Florida and TME Enterprises of Chesapeake, Virginia, the Asset Maintenance contractor.

“We are extremely grateful to the DOT and RESPECT of Florida for giving us another opportunity to put more Floridians with disabilities to work,” said BAC President and CEO, Amar Patel. “Contracts like this give us the means to provide people with disabilities additional opportunities for financial and social independence, and ultimately, personal success.”

In addition to the DOT contract, BAC works through RESPECT of Florida to sell products from GOJO and Purell, as well as medical grade gloves, wall calendars and planners. RESPECT of Florida is the central nonprofit agency for the State of Florida that helps employ over 1,400 Floridians with disabilities through the production of merchandise and contractual services sold to government entities.

Positions are still available for qualified applicants. To qualify for employment, applicants must be Florida residents and have a documented disability. Those interested in employment should contact Project Lead, Kristen Cavanaugh at [kcavanaugh@bacbrevard.com](mailto:kcavanaugh@bacbrevard.com) or (321) 271-0864. Each position pays \$8.25 per hour for a.m. and p.m. shifts and \$8.75 per hour for the overnight shift.

For more information about RESPECT, visit [respectofflorida.org](http://respectofflorida.org). Further information about BAC, its programs and services can be located at [bacbrevard.com](http://bacbrevard.com).

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