**Policy**

Pursuant to the consensus of the Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors, the above cited agency is establishing this policy to provide fair and equitable treatment and additional income generating opportunities to all blind vendors. This policy related to the bidding process under which new and/or existing vending facilities are awarded. Existing “auxiliary” vending facilities as delineated in an Operating Agreement are not affected by this policy.

**Definitions**

For the purposes of this policy, a vending facility or a vending route is defined as a business opportunity for which a monthly Profit and Loss Statement must be filed pursuant to NAC 426.223 and for which a blind vendor has entered into an Operating Agreement with the bureau as described in NAC 426.180. An Operating Agreement awarded on an interim basis is included for the purposes of this policy. A vending facility or a vending route may be operational on a year round or seasonal basis.

**Statement**

In order to ensure that every licensed Business Enterprise of Nevada (BEN) Operator is afforded fair and equitable treatment and the opportunity to earn additional income, any licensed Ben Operator who is operating two or more vending facilities as defined above, will be precluded from bidding on any new or existing facility unless:

1. No eligible licensed BEN operator submits a qualifying bid for the facility; or

2. The blind vendor who is currently operating two or more vending facilities agrees to surrender existing locations to bring the total number of facilities or vending route under his management to two.

3. The Administrator or designee determines that there are extenuating circumstances that would create a hardship to the BEN Program if the Operator is required to surrender an existing location(s).