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## LIGHTHOUSE WORKS PRESENTED WITH AWARD FROM STATE AGENCY AS IT EXPANDS TO OVER 500 EMPLOYEES Social Enterprise Continues to Create Meaningful Work for Visually Impaired

**ORLANDO, Fla. (October 13, 2022) –** <u>Lighthouse Works</u>, an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for individuals who are blind and visually impaired, recently received an employer appreciation award from the <u>Florida Rehabilitation Council for the</u> Blind and the Division of Blind Services.

The recognition comes amid a milestone year of providing life changing career opportunities for Floridians who are visually impaired. Since January 1, 2022, Lighthouse Works has hired over 85 blind or visually impaired individuals across the state of Florida in remote, work-from-home positions to staff its Contact Center. The organization just passed a major milestone – hiring its 500th employee.

"We're proud of our employees for earning this acknowledgement, which supports what we have always known – their work is essential to helping customers navigate their needs, often at a critical time," said Kyle Johnson, President and CEO at Lighthouse Works and Lighthouse Central Florida. "This achievement would not have been possible without the incredible support and partnership of the Division of Blind Services who helps to connect us with individuals seeking new career opportunities."

Since March of 2020, Lighthouse Works, the social enterprise arm of Lighthouse Central Florida, has added close to 400 new jobs and has experienced 300% in annual growth in the last year alone. Lighthouse Works is still recruiting to fill 90 job openings. To browse the job descriptions, visit <u>https://www.lighthouseworks.org/careers</u>.

## About Lighthouse Works

Lighthouse Works is a mission-driven social enterprise providing quality solutions to businesses and government agencies since 2011. Lighthouse Works' solutions allow its business partners to scale resources, manage costs, and meet deadlines while also making a positive community impact by supporting the full independence and self-sustainability of those living beyond the restrictions of vision loss. From supply chain management to contact center services and digital accessibility solutions, Lighthouse works has become a reliable and trusted partner in supplying consistent and world-class results. To learn more about Lighthouse Works and its business solutions, visit www.LighthouseWorks.org.

## About Lighthouse Central Florida

Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has empowered the lives of thousands of children and adults living with vision loss and blindness, to lead productive, independent lives, while pursuing their dreams and goals without limitations. The organization is the only nationally accredited non-profit offering a comprehensive range of vision-specific rehabilitation services in Central Florida. With a blend of rehabilitation training, real-world application, and certified instructors, Lighthouse Central Florida ensures people of all ages can access life-changing vision rehabilitation services and live successful, independent lives beyond vision loss. For more information, visit www.LighthouseCFL.org.

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