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**To:** WHDPRAComments  
**Subject:** Process for paper reduction on Workers at Special Minimum Wage

In reviewing this information with our staff they tell me that the only thing that they feel is a problem is being in the Tri State area. Wisconsin is 9 miles and Iowa is 12. Both of these states have a minimum wage that is a dollar over Illinois and for prevailing wage study. We are in a very rural area and not a lot of manufacturing here. Otherwise you have done a good job on the application. If this certificate is not going to be required and we have to pay some of our lower functioning consumers minimum wage we will not be able to operate our Workshop for individuals with disabilities. We have consumers who can do only 5 pieces in a day when the norm is 1500 we will be broke in no time. Workshop's in Illinois will close. The only ones to survive will be those that already only serve high functioning individuals. I ask that you consider this as the big issue which is paying everyone the same minimum wage. Thank you for allowing us to comment.