



## Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

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### **Federal, State, Local Lawmakers Tour Industries Division of Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh**

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services' Industries division will host federal, state, and local officials along with area business leaders for an open house and tour of its manufacturing facility at 2525 Railroad Street in the Strip District **Wednesday, Aug. 5.**

For more than 100 years, PBA Industries has provided meaningful employment and training opportunities for people who are blind in the Pittsburgh community. PBA Industries is one of 94 nonprofit agencies associated with National Industries for the Blind (NIB) that produces SKILCRAFT® products and provides services for federal and military customers through the AbilityOne® Program. NIB and its associated agencies serve as the largest employer of people who are blind in the United States, employing more than 5,600 people who are blind.

**What: PBA Industries will host elected officials and area business leaders for a tour of its Strip District manufacturing facility. The tour will provide a firsthand look at the employment and training opportunities available at PBA Industries, and will showcase the diverse products and services it provides to federal and military customers across the country.**

**When: Wednesday, August 5, 2015, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Tours begin at 8:00 a.m. and are every half hour.**

**Where: PBA Industries, 2525 Railroad Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

**Who: <https://youtu.be/IGFjcYVPvvg>**

### **About BVRs**

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh ([www.bvrspittsburgh.org](http://www.bvrspittsburgh.org)), a 105-year-old private nonprofit, is a leader in programs and services for people of all ages who are blind, vision impaired, or have other disabilities. We believe in independence through rehabilitation. Our mission is to change the lives of persons with vision loss and other disabilities by fostering independence and individual choice.

We offer comprehensive and personalized computer instruction, employment and vocational services, personal adjustment to blindness training, independence skill building, in-home instruction, low vision services, vision screenings for children and adults, prevention of blindness services, and an industrial employment program. We also offer employment support services in Fayette, Greene, and Washington counties, and in Somerset County we offer vision screening and transportation services. BVRs is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services (NAC).

## **About National Industries for the Blind (NIB)**

For more than 75 years, National Industries for the Blind has focused on enhancing the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining and improving employment. NIB and its network of 94 associated nonprofit agencies nationwide serve as the largest employer of people who are blind through the sale of SKILCRAFT® and other products and services provided by the AbilityOne® Program, established by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act. For more information about NIB, visit [www.NIB.org](http://www.NIB.org).