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To VEWAA Members and other interested professionals:

Over the past year, representatives from the Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWAA) and Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP) organizations have been meeting as an appointed ad-hoc Task Force to explore the opportunities to create a Professional Vocational Evaluation (PVE) Credential.

The PVE has caused some understandable confusion, which we would like to clear up. First, we want to emphasize that the PVE will not *replace* the national Certified Vocational Evaluation Specialist (CVE) designation, but will be an opportunity for *new* professionals to be credentialed in some way since there is currently not a way for new people to be credentialed. PVE is definitely not intended to replace the CVE designation. As a fellow CVE, I intend to keep mine, and we are recommending that all CVEs do the same. As you probably know, the CRCC handles re-certification for current CVEs, so it is possible to continue maintaining your certification.

There are key factors that distinguish CVE from the PVE credential. The PVE will not be exam-based, as the CVE was; eligibility will be determined through a combination of education/training and supervised work experience. In addition, some states have laws/guidelines for practice have been established at the state level (FL, MD, LA, VA) and have the language for a CVE; the PVE may not be identified as an acceptable alternative. This is NOT an attempt to move a CVE to PVE, although some individuals may choose to carry both.

The Task Force has been working on creating a financially sustainable credential because it is no longer possible for anyone to become newly credentialed in the field of vocational evaluation. According to our market survey, students, new graduates, and practitioners around the country have expressed interest in a vocational evaluation credential to increase their professional recognition from consumers, referral sources, and employers. Offering such is both an intent to welcome new qualified professionals to the field and also offer a way to be recognized professionally in the absence of CCWAVES. CVEs are encouraged to consider adding the PVE to their credentials, but it is not necessary to do so.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at homad@uwstout.edu.

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