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MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES LAUNCHES eTRAC® OUTSTATE EFFORTS
Online Vocational Training Software Helps Educate Adults with Barriers

(ST. PAUL, Minn.)—[Midwest Special Services, Inc.](#), (MSS) is placing eTrac®, the first online vocational training for adults with disabilities and other barriers to employment, into the hands of 650 outstate Minnesotans in October 2013. eTrac is an innovative online courseware designed by MSS to teach job search and retention skills to people struggling with intellectual disabilities and other employment obstacles. The online courseware delivers employee-critical information in a highly accessible and interactive format.

In August 2013, MSS received a \$97,500 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation to help distribute eTrac to job seekers in outstate Minnesota who are facing significant obstacles to employment. MSS began developing eTrac in 2008 to assist organizations and service providers with a tool to help individuals with barriers to improve professional skills and maximize job-seeking efforts.

“This Otto Bremer Grant will give MSS the opportunity to place eTrac into the hands of job seekers across the state at no cost,” says Candace Miller Lopez, Director of Development of Midwest Special Services. “We are excited to use eTrac to eliminate geographical barriers for many unemployed, outstate Minnesotans who have disabilities, gaps in employment history, mental health challenges, or other unique obstacles.”

The Otto Bremer Grant is the fifth and largest grant that MSS has received from the Otto Bremer Foundation. eTrac has earned an exemplary rating from Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and is a certified program used in the Century College Continuing Education vocational curriculum.

To learn more about eTrac, visit www.etrac-mss.com, watch the [YouTube Introduction Video](#), or log on to the [eTrac Facebook page](#).

About Midwest Special Services, Inc.

Midwest Special Services, Inc. was established in 1949 with a mission to help people with disabilities to achieve their full potential and greater independence through individualized services and supports. With five locations in the Twin Cities metro area, MSS supports the ambitions and unique needs of over 600 adults each year who are living with significant disabilities. With more than 60 years of service to the community, MSS has never wavered from its mission, empowering 100 percent of each person's ability to make choices in their daily lives. For more information visit www.mwsservices.org, log on to the Midwest Special Services [Facebook](#) page, and follow them on [Twitter, @MWSservices](#).