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Lighthouse Technology Trainer Qualifies for Exclusive Training Program

Jan Lynch, Adaptive Technology / Microsoft Office Manager, has been with The Lighthouse

since 2011 and in the field of computer technology training for blind and visually impaired

individuals for over 40 years. Her experience, expertise and willingness to learn new systems and

technologies helped her qualify for a training opportunity through National Industries for the

Blind (NIB). The Professional Mastery of Office Technology for Employment (ProMOTE)

training program is a qualifying program to address the growing need for qualified Assistive

Technology (AT) professionals who can provide superior instruction on Adaptive Technology

and Information Technology to persons with vision impairments in a group environment. The

train the trainer program is not for the faint of heart, with only 10 instructors making it into the

program, Jan Lynch is the sole representative from the state of Texas. Applying for the training

program was a 2-step process with applications, resume, sample material, testimonials,

classroom instruction samples, software knowledge and teaching techniques being gathered and

evaluated by NIB. The training program will take place March 26-31, 2017 at NIB headquarters

in Alexandria, Virginia.

Once complete, Jan and her staff will be prepared to teach the ProMOTE course to up to seven clients at a time once back in East Texas. The course schedule for clients will consist of 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, four weeks providing individuals with the tools they need to accelerate their future employment in a more expedient fashion. The goal of this instruction is to ensure students are ready for the rigors and pacing of the modern workplace, enabling them the opportunity to enhance their skills for upward mobility and career opportunities.

"Zahia Althabata, Adaptive Technology Instructor for The Lighthouse, and I will be co-teaching to ensure individuals keep pace in the fast pace course." says Lynch. "I look forward to having a room full of students learning what they need to be successful."

The Lighthouse Client Services Adaptive Technology and Microsoft Office training programs utilize Zoom Text and JAWS software, magnification and screen reading software, allowing blind and visually impaired users to access information within a computer and software system.