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Portal Industries awarded three-year CARF accreditation

Grafton, WI – July 27, 2006 – CARF announced that Portal Industries, Inc. has been accredited for a period of three years for its **Community Integration** (Adult Day Services), **Community Employment Services** (Job Development, Job-Site Training and Job Supports) and **Organizational Employment Services** (Industrial Services). The latest accreditation is the fifth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation outcome that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Portal Industries.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during a three-day on-site visit that its programs and services are measurable, accountable and of the highest quality. According to CARF officials, "this achievement is an indication of Portal's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served (adult citizens of Ozaukee County with disabilities or mental health concerns)."

Carole Stuebe, Executive Director of Portal Industries, noted "We are extremely pleased and proud that CARF has once again recognized our services, our staff and our planning and documentation practices as having an established pattern of excellence." Portal Industries, Inc. is a nonprofit organization located in Grafton, WI and has been providing meaningful, life-enriching services to persons with disabilities since 1965.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote quality, value, and optimal service outcomes through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations, like Portal Industries, measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.