



## Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Self-Employment Questionnaire

**Note: For existing businesses requesting retention assistance, complete only questions 12 – 25. For new businesses, complete the entire questionnaire.**

(Instructions: There are 25 numbered questions listed below. For each question insert your answer after the question mark.)

1. If you could do anything you wanted, what would it be?
2. What type of things are you really good at doing?
3. What are your strengths?
4. Why do you feel self-employment is the best way for you to achieve your vocational goal?
5. Why do you believe that you will be successful in your new business venture?
6. Why do you want to start your own business – why is starting your own better for you than working as an employee in a business that is already established?
7. What personal or career goals and dreams do you hope to achieve?

8. What kind of work environment, such as daily schedule, pace, social contact, etc. are you looking for?
9. Do you have any worries such as the impact of earnings on SSI or SSDI, childcare needs, salary expectations?
10. What accommodations, if any, are needed for your disability?
11. Do you have any experience in self-employment?
12. Please describe your business idea.
13. What experience have you had in this business?
14. What training have you had in this business?
15. What primary functions will you personally perform in your business?
16. What type of training do you feel you would need to help you succeed in your business?
17. Which functions will you need other people to perform?

18. How many hours a week do you estimate you will be able to devote to your business?
19. What will make your product or service unique?
20. What information do you have that indicates that people will want to buy your product or services?
21. Will you need support from others to succeed in this business?
22. If yes, what types of supports will you need?
23. What types of assistance will you need from DVR?
24. Have you investigated funding the business?
25. If yes, how do you plan to fund the business?