

# I support Oklahomans with disabilities



My name is Rachel McLemore. I am 27-years-old, and I have a disability called Cerebral Palsy, which has led me to be wheelchair bound my entire life.

I graduated from Oklahoma Christian University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism, but unlike my classmates I had no idea what the future held in store for me after the diploma was in my hand. With the help of the Department of Rehabilitation Services, I learned how to drive, got my license, bought a car and then began to look for a place of employment.

My job search was a series of rejections. I found one full-time job, but it was not a good fit. Finally, I found my dream opportunity with DRS. I began as the assistant for the chief financial officer and several months later I was transferred to the Communications Office. Four years ago when I was meeting my vocational rehabilitation counselor, I never imagined I would be working with the place that helped me.