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## Editorial

*Technology and Disability* recently published two issues on the topic of 'Research and Development.' The first issue (Vol. 3, No. 4) was published by Butterworth-Heinemann, while the second issue (Vol. 4, No. 2) was published by Elsevier. Although the two parts are separated by a single issue, the time delays and publisher changes resulted in an omission in the introduction to the second issue.

The first introduction described the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center program in detail. The RERC program is supported by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), U.S. Department of Education. The RERC's consist of 16 centers around the United States, each focused on a particular functional impairment (e.g. mobility, vision, hearing, speech), technology (e.g. electronics, robotics),

or age cohort (e.g. elders, children). The RERC's, along with the other assistive technology programs funded by the NIDRR, represent the nation's single largest and most focused investment in supporting the education, employment and daily living needs of the forty million persons with disabilities in the United States.

Assuming the reader was familiar with this program's description in the first issue, the second introduction failed to mention NIDRR when describing additional RERC's. We apologize for the omission and any confusion it may have caused. Readers will note that the individual RERC articles do acknowledge the NIDRR's critical role. Without this support, the field of assistive technology for persons with disabilities would essentially cease to exist.