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New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc.

Honors Area Individuals With Disabilities for Employment Excellence

NYSID celebrates 40th anniversary year, recognizes statewide work on Preferred Source contracts

(Albany) – Twenty Capital Region/Hudson Valley area New Yorkers with disabilities are among 59 statewide Joslin Outstanding Performers recognized through NYSID’s annual people-centered awards program.

The 2014 William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award co-recipients and all 2014 Joslin Outstanding Performers will be honored during NYSID’s Annual Meeting on Monday, September 8 at 5 p.m. at The Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs. That evening, NYSID also will kick off its year-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of its founding.

NYSID is a not-for-profit business which administers Preferred Source contracts for products and services in support of state and local government procurement budgets. Its mission is “Turning business opportunities into JOBS for New Yorkers with disabilities.”

In its 11th year, NYSID’s Joslin Awards Program has recognized 534 Outstanding Performers, and awarded 13 of those individuals with the final William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award.

The Outstanding Performers for 2014 from the Capital Region/Hudson Valley are:

- **Bridget Bailey**, Liberty/Montgomery County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. (Amsterdam), food service/healthcare/hospitality products assembly
- **Cody Botha**, Schoharie County Chapter NYSARC, Inc./Toe Path Industries (Schoharie), graphics production
- **Jonathan Brooks**, Fulton County Chapter NYSARC, Inc./Lexington Center (Gloversville), packing/material handling
- **Willard Broughton**, Warren/Washington/Albany Counties Chapter NYSARC, Inc. (Slingerlands), custodial
- **William Brown, Jr.**, Gateway Community Industries, Inc. (Kingston), custom cleaning
- **Mary Bruce**, Herkimer County Chapter NYSARC, Inc./Herkimer Industries (Herkimer), production/assembly
- **Katie Caban**, Schenectady County Chapter NYSARC, Inc./Pine Ridge Industries (Schenectady), document imaging
- **Kerry Crumble**, The Altamont Program, Inc. (Schenectady), custodial
- **Jacob DeWolfe**, Focused Technologies (Menands), document preparation
- **Eric Fuller**, Rehabilitation Support Services (Albany), custodial
- **Benjamin Hunt**, Northeast Career Planning/The Norton Center, Inc. (Menands), printing
- **Beverly Kelly**, The Arc Otsego (Oneonta), machine operator

- **James Ormsby**, Saratoga Bridges, NYSARC, Inc. (Ballston Spa), firewood processing/packaging
- **Adam Rabideau**, Essex County Chapter NYSARC, Inc./Mountain Lake Industries (Mineville), picnic stable construction
- **Patricia Reed**, Community, Work & Independence, Inc. (Glens Falls), packaging/production
- **Robert Rowe**, eBizDocs (Menands), document preparation
- **Jean Mary Shields**, Ulster-Greene Arc/Pilot Industries (Kingston), drug test kit packaging
- **Neil Vatsyayan**, Center for Disability Services (Albany), mailroom
- **Vernell Washington**, Image Data, Inc. (Albany), document indexing
- **Jamie Weaver**, Columbia County Chapter NYSARC, Inc./Coarc (Mellenville), custom injection molding

“For 40 years, NYSID has been turning business opportunities into jobs for New Yorkers with disabilities, and we are proud to recognize this year’s 59 Joslin Outstanding Performers,” said Ron Romano, NYSID president & CEO. “They provide incredible examples of how much New York State benefits by having a workforce that is inclusive of persons with disabilities, particularly as NYSID celebrates ‘40 Years of Looking Forward’ during this upcoming anniversary year.”

NYSID’s annual Joslin Awards Program celebrates excellence in Preferred Source employment by New Yorkers with disabilities. All Outstanding Performers receive a certificate of achievement and cash award, and are featured in an annual yearbook. For more information on the Joslin Awards, including videos of previous award recipients, visit <http://www.nysid.org/joslin.cfm>.

Established in 1975, NYSID is a registered 501(c)(3) Not for Profit which creates employment opportunities for nearly 7,000 New Yorkers with disabilities annually. Its offerings are approved by the NYS Office of General Services and include janitorial, document imaging, industrial laundry, office temps, and other services, as well as a wide range of products assembled, packaged and/or manufactured by people with disabilities. NYSID’s community rehabilitation member agencies and private sector business partners are located throughout the state, providing vocational assistance programs to their respective communities. For more information, visit <http://www.nysid.org>.