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First Transit recognized during National Disability Employer Awareness Month

Elmira, NY – In celebration of National Disability Employer Awareness month, ACCES-VR (Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation) formerly known as VESID (Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities), recently announced the winner of their employer recognition awards.



Pictured L to R: NY State Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, NY State Assemblyman Chris Friend, NY State Senator Tom O'Mara, Tina Hager, mobility manager for First Transit, and Richard Bohman, from ACCES-VR.

Chemung ARC's **Southern Tier Employment Program (STEP)** nominated First Transit in Elmira for the 2011 Employer Recognition awards. Maureen Adams, vocational services manager with STEP submitted the nomination to the Southern Tier office of ACCES.

The award recognizes employers for their

commitment to providing individuals with disabilities the dignity to be independent and earn a paycheck in a competitive work environment.

Accepting the award for First Transit was, Mobility Manager Tina Hager.

Congratulations to STEP, and First Transit for a successful partnership in making the lives of others meaningful and productive.

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