# GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE
# EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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The Vermont Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD) announced the employer award recipients for the "Spirit of the ADA" Awards.  The Awards are given to employers who reflect the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act in their employment practices.  Successfully meeting the following criteria qualifies employers for eligibility to be nominated:

1)  Recruitment outreach and equal accessibility in the application, interviewing, and hiring procedures for people with disabilities.
2)  Use of on-the-job accommodations, modifications, progressive employment methods, and/or creative solutions for successful training and employment of people with disabilities.
3)  Accessible physical structures, buildings, workstations and equipment, and services.
4)  Support for the employment of a person(s) with a disability as an overall employment strategy.

The Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities Chair, Rose Lucenti congratulates this year's award winners: "Congratulations to this year's exemplary Vermont employers as well as past Spirit of the ADA Award Winners for being outstanding role models for hiring, training and retaining people with disabilities."

The following employers were recognized for hiring and retaining employees with disabilities:
Homegrown Scales, Morgan Weiss
Town of Waterbury – Parks & Recreation, Nick Nadeau
Vermont Fiber Mill, Deb & Ed Bratton
Price Chopper-(Morrisville), Ashley Young-Sheldon
Elmore State Park, Marc Edwards
City of Newport, Laura Dolgin
Main Street Graphics, Douglas Corey
Ace Hardware – (St Albans), Kasey Fortin
Hannaford – (St Albans), Jennifer Benoit
Sodexo @ NVU, Douglas "Kip" Mayo
Springfield Medical Center, Lori Twombly
Allis State Park, Leslie Porter
Killington Resort, Judy Greiger
Andy's Dandys, Andrew & Lucie Whiteford and Lesha Rascoe

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