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## **VERC Enterprises received Employer of the Year from Massachusetts Association of People Supporting Employment First**

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VERC Enterprises received the Employer of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE).

VERC was nominated by Cardinal Cushing Centers and selected to win the award based on its commitment to diversify its workplace as demonstrated by its efforts to expand job opportunities for those with disabilities. Leo Vercollone, president of the convenience store and gas station chain, accepted the award recently at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

"We are honored to be named Employer of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of People Supporting Employment First," said Vercollone. "We are proud of our commitment to employ those in our communities with developmental challenges. It is a commitment we plan on honoring for many years to come."

VERC Enterprises has received a host of other awards in the past three years. In 2011, it was recognized by the Boston Business Journal as a Best Place to Work in Massachusetts and as a Leader in Diversity. The Boston Globe honored the c-store chain as a Best Place to Work in Massachusetts in both 2011 and 2012.

Most recently, VERC was named the 2013 Accommodation Award winner by the MetroWest Work Opportunities Coalition, as CSNews Online previously reported.

VERC Enterprises operates 26 gas stations and convenience stores in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The company was founded in 1977 by Eugene Vercollone.

The Massachusetts Association of People Supporting Employment First is a chapter of the national APSE.

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