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RE: Person Supported Receives Statewide Recognition for Employment Excellence

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Elmira, NY | Watkins Glen, NY – The Arc Chemung-Schuyler is pleased to announce that James Packard (Elmira), a person supported by the agency, was among 53 statewide 2024 Joslin Outstanding Performers recognized through New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc's (NYSID) 21st annual people-centered awards program.

Jim is being recognized for his work with Southern Tier Industries' (STI) secure document destruction business. He has been an integral part of The Arc Chemung-Schuyler since his high school graduation in 1989. Throughout his tenure, Jim has not only achieved personal independence and life goals but has also demonstrated remarkable adaptability and an unwavering work ethic.



Southern Tier Industries is part of The Arc Chemung-Schuyler's Business Services Division, which provides businesses, government agencies, and local non-profits with cost effective and quality business solutions including secure document destruction, commercial cleaning, food copackaging, and more. Supporting one of The Arc's businesses not only provides a customer with a solution to their needs but also develops vocational skills and work habits in order for individuals supported to be employed at local businesses.

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. NYSID's annual Joslin Awards Program celebrates excellence in Preferred Source employment by New Yorkers with disabilities. More than 1,000 individuals have been named Joslin Outstanding Performers since 2004. All Outstanding Performers receive a certificate of achievement, cash award, and are featured in an annual yearbook.

ABOUT THE ARC CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler is a family-based organization, providing supports and services to nearly 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, across an 18-county service area. Learn more at www.arcofcs.org. The Arc Chemung-Schuyler is a chapter of the state organization, The Arc New York.