

Department of Rehabilitation Services Connect-Ability Staffing Top Employer Awards 2014

Arthur H. Howland & Associates, P.C.

While others may see obstacles, New Milford's Arthur H. Howland, sees opportunity. With close to 70 years of experience, A.H. Howland, a civil engineering and land surveying company, is all about "can-do." As one of this year's Top Employers, A.H. Howland had no job opportunity but they did have an open mind by trying out a BRS job candidate through our Summer Youth Employment Program. Today, that candidate is an employee, serving as an SEO strategist and providing a unique competitive advantage. Congratulations.

State Farm Insurance

"Recover from the unexpected and help people realize their dreams." That's the mission of one of this year's Top Employers, State Farm Insurance, Branford. But it's also why one of their employees has rejoined the workforce and is making a true difference. From a paid working interview where you can see performance in action to job placement as an employee and licensed agent, BRS was there. And so is State Farm...a prime example of neighbor helping neighbor. Congratulations.

Celtic Property Management

As property managers for housing with Sigourney Mews here in Hartford, Celtic Management understands that having a strong foundation, whether you're a young family or a senior, is vital to quality of life. As one of this year's Top Employers, Celtic Property Management has worked with both BRS and BESB to give a job candidate, now an Assistant Property Manager, an opportunity to grow and prosper. Never forgetting that, disability or no disability, we're all people and we should have the opportunity to succeed.

Lowe's Distribution Center

What does it take to make sure 74 stores all over New England have the product you need, when you need it? It takes a facility 1.4 million square feet, backed by a team of people of all abilities working together. One of this year's Top Employers, Lowe's Distribution Center in Plainfield, one of the largest in the network, is the number one building in inventory effectiveness. Our industry-specific training has helped Lowe's ensure employees have a range of opportunities to learn, to grow and, of course, to succeed. And succeed they have. Congratulations.

John Dean Custom Cabinetry, LLC

One of this year's Top Employers, John Dean Custom Cabinetry, LLC, of Bolton builds custom cabinets for homeowners primarily in Connecticut or, for that matter, wherever there's a need for innovative design and service. Not surprisingly, what co-owners John and Leah Dean have also built is a reputation for giving people who are able an opportunity. Why? According to the Dean's... "Altruistically, we want to contribute to the community and with the help of DORS, we can find the right people...people that fit." Congratulations.

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Rotair Industries, Inc. Bridgeport

One of this year's Top Employers, Rotair Industries, Bridgeport makes helicopter replacements parts that meet the standard of aerospace leaders who set the standard. Rotair has been successful by creating a workforce where all abilities can soar. By collaborating with DORS, Rotair was able to try out a job candidate with On-the-Job Training, risk free. Today, this individual is a Senior Programmer, helping the company move forward.