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**Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Achieves RecycleOne Business Certification**

“The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (the Authority) is pleased to announce that the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) is the second recipient of the Authority’s RecycleOne Business Certification.

CABVI is being recognized for its commitment in taking extra steps to reduce our region’s waste stream and for developing a comprehensive recycling, solid waste, and energy reduction program in accordance with the Authority’s RecycleOne Business Recycling Program guidelines,” said David Lupinski, Authority Director of Recycling.

CABVI’s mission is to assist people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve their highest levels of independence and is located on Kent Street in Utica. CABVI employs 221 workers, 97 of whom are blind or visually impaired. One hundred twenty four work in Central Industries, CABVI’s integrated manufacturing and services division, where they manufacture, package or assemble 24 different lines of products. In addition to the new contact center in Utica, CABVI operates a reception call center at the S.S. Stratton Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in Albany, NY. In addition, CABVI provides a comprehensive range of vision rehabilitation services in Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Fulton, Lewis, Montgomery, northern Otsego and Jefferson Counties.

The Authority has worked with CABVI for many years. In 2009, CABVI received the Authority’s Recycling Champion Award.

CABVI is also involved in the sale of environmentally friendly, 100% biodegradable tableware and “Green” cleaning products that replace hazardous cleaning agents with environmentally responsible products that utilize natural or naturally-derived ingredients and ingredients from renewable resources whenever possible.

CABVI has developed a program that increases recycling and reduces solid waste, hazardous waste and energy generation. In 2013, CABVI recycled over 86 tons of corrugated cardboard, office paper, stretch film and file folder trimmings while serving over 11,000 customers. CABVI saved over \$12,000 dollars in disposal costs in 2013 by implementing an integrated solid waste management and recycling program.

“The Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has truly done an excellent job of solid waste management and is well deserving of this certification,” Lupinski concluded.

The new **RecycleOne Business Recycling Certification Program** requires an on-site review from Authority staff to verify that specific solid waste management, recycling and energy reduction criteria have been achieved. If the criteria have been achieved, the Authority will issue the facility or business an official **RecycleOne Business Certification**.

For more information on the Authority’s **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program**, contact David Lupinski, Director of Recycling, at (315) 733-1224 Ext. 1600 or visit [www.RecycleOneBusiness.com](http://www.RecycleOneBusiness.com) to download the **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program Guide**.

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