

Peter Pan Bus Lines honored for development of Holyoke Intermodal Transportation Center

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BOSTON - The Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education has honored the Peter Pan Bus Lines for its visionary development of the new [Holyoke Intermodal Transportation Center](#) that now houses Head Start and adult literacy classrooms. Peter Pan Bus Lines is this year's recipient of the MCAE Outstanding Business/Labor Partner Award.



(L-R) Ken Tarmarkin, MCAE Executive Director; Robert Schwarz, Peter Pan, Executive Vice President of Public Relations; and Connie Nelson, MCAE President.

The building, originally constructed in 1911 as Holyoke's central fire station, has been renovated to house a bus station with seven bus ports, child care facilities, classrooms and offices of the Juntos Collaborative, SABES West, and many other adult and family education partners. The center is a collaboration of federal, state, and city agencies, Peter Pan, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Springfield-Holyoke-Chicopee Head Start, Holyoke Community College, and the Holyoke Public Schools. This collaboration and the building itself would not exist if not for the commitment from the Picknelly Family.



Evening view of the new Holyoke Transportation Center in downtown Holyoke.

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