



Boston Water and Sewer Commission wins “Best of the Best” Tap Water Taste Test

*Water Provider Secures Top Honor at American Water Works Association’s
Annual Conference and Exposition*

BOSTON – On Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Boston’s tap water was judged “Best of the Best” in a national Tap Water Taste Contest. First place in the contest was presented to **Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)**. Second place in the competition was given to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA).



Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director (l) and Henry Vitale, BWSC Executive Director (r)

“We strive to ensure that our residents have the highest quality services, including clean, safe drinking water,” said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. “I fully support the Boston Water and Sewer Commission’s work to improve our City’s water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure, and I congratulate them on this honor.”

“We have long known that the diligent work done by the Commission in partnership with Massachusetts Water Resources Authority allows the delivery of the highest quality water in the country,” said Henry F. Vitale, Executive Director of Boston Water and Sewer Commission. “It’s gratifying that the contest confirmed this.”

At the contest, an esteemed judging panel rated each water system on its flavor characteristics. Judges included Roy Desrochers, sensory practice leader for GEI Consultants, Inc.; James Naylor, project manager at Alan Plummer Associates; Matt Tolcher senior project manager with Jacobs and Peter Howe, business editor for the New England Cable News.

BWSC’s first place finish in the contest follows a Public Water System Award for outstanding performance and achievement received last month from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission is the owner and operator of one of the nation’s oldest and largest water infrastructures and has invested heavily in maintaining a reliable system. Established in 1977, BWSC continues to provide water and sewer services to more than one million people every day.

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