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**BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE**

Henry F. Vitale Receives Shattuck Chairman's Award for Leadership and Dedication to Boston

Boston, Mass. – Henry F. Vitale, executive director of Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC), received the 2017 Shattuck *Chairman's Award* on Tuesday evening at an event held at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. This honor is conferred upon a City department head demonstrating leadership and exceptional dedication to Boston. While Shattuck Awards are given to a select number of outstanding City of Boston employees annually, Mr. Vitale is the first department head to be honored in 12 years.

Shattuck Awards are granted by the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, an independent, non-partisan agency dedicated to promoting effective public policy. According to Bureau President Samuel Tyler, Shattuck award recipients not only do their job but also “do it exceptionally well.”

“The Shattuck Awards represent those who epitomize public service. I am proud Boston's own Henry Vitale has been chosen to be recognized with this honor,” said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. “Henry cares deeply about our City, and I thank him for his tireless work to improve the lives of all Boston residents.”

“Henry Vitale is one of the City's best leaders and he serves Boston with great pride,” notes BWSC Board Chairman Michael Woodall. “His dedication to the community is admirable, and we are thrilled the Research Bureau recognizes his hard work and accomplishments.”

Henry F. Vitale was appointed Executive Director of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission in January 2013. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Commission's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer as well as the Commission's Controller since 1995. Mr. Vitale leads BWSC with his focus and attention on the system's 90,000 ratepayers, and has made customer satisfaction the agency's top priority. Nationally, the Commission has earned high regard and respect as a model public utility.

Under Mr. Vitale's tenure as executive director, the Commission has received numerous awards, including the 2017 “*Water Cup*” for best tasting tap water in New England from New England Water Works Association, national recognition of “*Best of the Best*” tap water in 2014 by the American Water Works Association, the 2016 “*Regional Recognition Award*” and the “*Citation for Consistent Service*” from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



BMRB President Sam Tyler, BWSC Executive Director Henry F. Vitale, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, BMRB Chairman Thomas E. Samoluk

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Boston is home to New England's oldest and largest water, sewer and stormwater systems, which are owned, maintained and operated by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC). Established in 1977, BWSC provides potable water and sewer services to more than one million people per day. BWSC is also the leading organizer of *We Are All Connected*, a campaign to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting and preserving Boston's waterways. For more information please visit: www.bwsc.org.