

## Datrose of Webster wins national award

Datrose President Cheryl Keck said the company was honored to win the SBA100 designation and expected the award will help the company stand out from the competition.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has named Datrose, a business services provider headquartered in Webster, one of 100 companies in the nation that has shown exemplary job growth since receiving assistance from the federal agency.

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Being named to the SBA100 list brought with it a visit from the regional administrator, Jorge Silva-Puras, who met with Datrose officials and toured their Basket Road offices Tuesday.

While this may have been the first time Datrose staff met the new administrator, their relationship with the SBA goes back decades.

Owner Bill Rose received his first SBA loan in 1977 when the company had just three employees. Silva-Puras noted that the company had received a total of \$1.7 million in SBA loans over the years, as well as business-plan counseling and guidance in getting government contracts. He applauded its growth to more than 600 employees in 20 states, noting that it continued to grow difficult economic times.

"I admire the company that has been able to tap into resources and grown like you have," Silva-Puras said.

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