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Raleigh Employer ARCADIS Goes Above and Beyond



ARCADIS, an international engineering and architecture company, qualified its Raleigh office for *Best Workplaces for Commuters*SM in the summer of 2004. They are located in an office park a few miles from downtown Raleigh. As a BWC employer, they, of course, offer excellent commuter benefits to their employees: vanpool subsidies, showers, telecommuting, transit passes and more--but that was not enough. ARCADIS believed that if they were to be successful at providing their employees with more and better options, they needed to coordinate their efforts with the other employers in the corporate park.



In the winter and spring of 2003, Michele Hane of ARCADIS, with some help from the local transit agency, created a Transportation Cooperative Association (TCA) that serves close to 2000 employees and five employers. The TCA provides rideshare information, assists in setting up vanpools, helps coordinate commuter fairs, and informs commuters about the transit agency's Emergency Ride Home program. They also work to improve transportation conditions at the office park, including getting better bike parking and other amenities.

The TCA brings more value to ARCADIS, and the other employers, than can be achieved by offering great commuter benefits alone. By going above and beyond just offering the benefits, by understanding that employees could be better served, by working to constantly improve conditions and choices for employees, and by taking the initiative to found, and manage the TCA, ARCADIS represents a truly exemplary *Best Workplaces for Commuters*SM employer.

Congratulations !



DID YOU KNOW?

Emergency Ride Home (ERH) programs are a form of low-cost commuter insurance. An ERH provides commuters with immediate access to transportation in case of an unforeseen event. When commuters have access to an ERH, confidence in alternative commuting options rises.

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FACTOID

Drivers delayed in traffic waste about 5.7 billion gallons of gasoline every year. How much is that? That's 1000 gas station pumps pumping continuously 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!



GOOD IDEA



Offer your employees an incentive to try an alternative commute - offer a gift certificate, additional time off, or something that would be valued by the employee. To qualify for the incentive, you might require them to commute by walking, biking, taking a bus, carpooling or vanpooling at least one day a week for a minimum period of time.





Welcome the 30 new BWC Employers added to the program
in October/November -- 26,940 additional commuters covered nationwide

<u>Industry</u>	<u>BWC Employers</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Banking, Financial & Insurance	University of Minnesota Foundation Investment Advisors	Minneapolis	MN
	Wilcox Financial Services	San Ramon	CA
	Woodforest National Bank	The Woodlands	TX
	Golden Gate Home Loans	San Ramon	CA
	California Legacy Mortgage	Pleasanton	CA
Computer & Data Services	Cognizant Technology Solutions	San Ramon	CA
	Valley Oak Systems, Inc.	San Ramon	CA
	International Decision Systems	Minneapolis	MN
Consulting & Employment Services	San Jose Job Corps	San Jose	CA
Energy	Energy and Security Group	Reston	VA
	Chevron Texaco	San Ramon	CA
Engineering, Construction & Architecture	Able Building Maintenance	San Ramon	CA
Entertainment & Hospitality	Holiday Inn Select and Spa Downtown	San Francisco	CA
Food & Beverage	The Lost Ladle Cafe #1	San Ramon	CA
Government - City & County	Ramsey County	St. Paul	MN
Government - Federal	Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston	Galveston	TX
Legal	Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.	Phoenix	AZ
Manufacturing	Nissan-USA	Gardena	CA
	Starkey Laboratories World Headquarters	Eden Prairie	MN
	Quality Bicycle Products	Bloomington	MN
	Photonic Products Group (INRAD)	Northvale	NJ
Medical & Pharmaceuticals	Memorial Hermann Hospital	Houston	TX
	Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital	Fort Worth	TX
	Memorial Hermann Childrens Hospital	Houston	TX
Property Management & Real Estate	Sunset Development Company	San Ramon	CA
Transportation Management	TJKM Transportation Consultants	Pleasanton	CA
Transportation Services	Red and White Fleet	San Francisco	CA
	Los Angeles Co Metro Transportation Authority	Los Angeles	CA
Other	Palo Alto Research Center	Palo Alto	CA
	SAFE, LP	San Ramon	CA

Total Employers: 1,116
Total Employees: 2,054,950

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