

"EPA applauds the winners of the first annual Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Race to Excellence. Working together, they are increasing the value of commuter benefits and ensuring that Best Workplaces for Commuters continues to grow as a dynamic solution to air pollution and traffic congestion across the country."

-Margo Oge, Director, EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality

With the assistance of Mickey Mouse, EPA announced the first annual Best Workplaces for Commuters Race to Excellence Awards on September 21 at the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International Conference in Anaheim, CA. We'd like to congratulate again the 43 organizations, including 17 members of the BWC Network, who were recognized for their efforts to reduce air pollution, ease traffic congestion and conserve fuel across the country.

Winning entries included a variety of stellar activities. In addition to recruiting employers for the list of Best Workplaces for Commuters, BWC Network members worked closely with employers in their community to promote their elite designation. This was accomplished through such actions as organizing paid advertisements in newspapers promoting their local list and encouraging employers to use the Best Workplaces for Commuters logo.



Winners received a recognition package that included a recognition certificate and a gold, silver or bronze medal. Moreover, they were highlighted on EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters Web site. For gold and silver level winners, EPA also sent letters to their management, congratulating them on the distinction the winners had brought to their organizations. Kudos to those winners who were able to leverage local media attention with their achievements!

Best Workplaces for Commuters looks forward to seeing even greater participation in the 2006 Race to Excellence! Stay tuned for the upcoming launch in January of 2006. For a full list of winners, visit www.bwc.gov, and click on the **For Supporters** page.

Race to Excellence - 2005 WINNERS in the BWC NETWORK CATEGORY

Gold

Anoka County TMO
Bishop Ranch Transportation Center
Downtown Minneapolis TMO
Greater Boston Breathes Better
Hacienda Business Park
Houston-Galveston Area Council
MassRIDES
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Ride Solutions
North Texas Clean Air Coalition
Pima Association of Governments
Triangle Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority

Silver

CommuterLink

Bronze

Commuter Club
Smart Trips
Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air

Best Workplaces for CommutersSM In the News!

Check out the **full page** public service announcement recognizing the top 20 Best Workplaces for Commuters from the List of FORTUNE 500 Companies in two major business magazines - **Fast Company**, November 2005 (page 98) and **Inc.**, November 2005 (page 199). These ads are excellent recruiting tools and prove that media recognizes the power of the Best Workplaces for Commuters brand! I encourage you to obtain copies of these magazines and use them as you go about your marketing and recruiting efforts. Contact us at bwc@epa.gov for a camera-ready version of this full page ad.

Race to Excellence - 2005 Winners Gallery



Jill Wolverton



Lynn Frank



Amy Armbruster
Julie Woosley



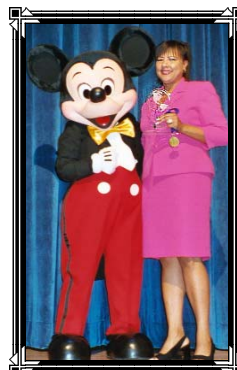
Renee Sande



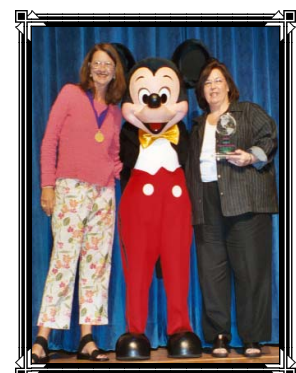
Rita Hildebrand



Marci McGuire



Lynn Jones



Randi Alcott
Betsey Turner



BWC Network News

November 2005

Welcome to Our New Network Members!

These members joined the BWC Network in September/October, 2005

ArtCenter College of Design	Linda Estrada	Pasadena	CA
Atlanta Regional Commission-TDM DIV.	Laura Ellsworth	Atlanta	GA
Capital METRO	Katherine A. McWright	Austin	TX
Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Dolly Watson	Austin	TX
Carina Kagan	Carina Kagan	San Diego	CA
City of Fremont	Kunle Odumade	Fremont	CA
City of Kalamazoo	Ingrid Jensen	Kalamazoo	MI
City of Santa Ana	Pat Mayberry	Santa Ana	CA
Community Transit	Dawn Kirsch	Everett	WA
Community Transit	Debbie Anderson	Everett	WA
Commuter Services Group	Paul Boyce, Ph. D.	Sedona	AZ
County of Riverside	Donna Rucker	Riverside	CA
DeVinny Group	Garolyn Devinny	Los Angeles	CA
Dotty Dalphon	Dotty Dalphon	Frederick	ME
Eastern Panhandle Planning and Development Council	Vicki Shean	Martinsburg	WV
Georgia Regional Trans. Authority	Nadara Wade	Atlanta	GA
Gloria Wallace	Gloria Wallace	Los Angeles	CA
Inland Empire Commuter Services	Denise Van Stratten	Riverside	CA
Inland Empire Commuter Servies	Michelle M. Martinez	Riverside	CA
Kaiser Permanente	Linda Hofman	Oakland	CA
Kara Vuicich	Kara Vuicich	Berkeley	CA
Lyndi Richards	Lyndi Richards	Belair	MD
Lynn Keller	Lynn Keller	Glendale	CA
LYNX Central Florida Regional Transp. Authority	Brenda Rhodes	Orlando	FL
LYNX Central Florida Regional Transp. Authority	Jo Santiago	Orlando	FL
MAJIC Consulting Group	Michael Leasher	Santa Clarita	CA
Marg Tornquist	Marg Tornquist	Lawrenceville	NJ
Martha C. Lott	Martha Lott	Memphis	TN
METRO	Rita Linsey	Cerritos	CA
Microsoft	Jeff Aumell	Redmond	WA
Midway Fleet Leasing	Jeff Hurrell	Los Angeles	CA
Monica Rhodes	Monica Rhodes	Houston	TX
North Natomas TMA	Bill Fairbairn	Sacramento	CA
OXY Occidental Petroleum Corp.	Marsha Henry	Los Angeles	CA
Regional Services-Memphis Rideshare	Gwen Harvey	Memphis	TN
SANDAG	Lindsey Montague	San Diego	CA
SANDAG	Charity Lacey	San Diego	CA



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Urban Mobility Group
Utah Transit Authority

Valley Metro/RPTA

Vanderbilt University

VanPool of NJ, Inc.

VPSI, Inc.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

West American Rubber Company, LLC

Charles Kyte
Julie Woosley

Jean Ghianuly

Tammy Ford

Moishe Miller

Maureen Lacey

Sheila Sankey

Isabell Rodriguez

Robin Johnson

Carrie Blanco

James Pinkston

Susan Tierney

Francis M. Kovac

Marg Tornquist

Angie Payne

Alfonza Watson, Jr.

Dorothy R. David

Brooklyn NY
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Washington DC

Orange CA

Tools & Resources:

A new pull-up Best Workplaces for Commuters **display banner** is available for your use at any indoor event for promoting your services to potential clients. If you'd like to borrow this banner, which has a 40" x 70" vertical layout, just email us (bwc@epa.gov) with the dates you will need it, and we'll ship it out to you. View the banner at: <http://www.bwc.gov/suppor/pop-up.htm>



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