

Recognizing Excellence in Commuter Benefits

"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 county."

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

The First Annual Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Race to Excellence Awards were announced last month at the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International Conference in Anaheim, CA. Forty-three organizations, including twenty-six Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETC), were recognized for their efforts to conserve fuel, reduce air pollution and ease traffic congestion across the country. Winning entries included adding new alternatives for commuters, expanding telework programs, increasing ride-sharing, and promoting public transportation and commuter benefits.

Winners received a recognition package based on their award level, including either a gold, silver, or bronze medal, a recognition certificate, recognition on EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters Web site; and, for gold and silver level winners, a congratulatory letter to their management.

EPA estimates that employers designated as Best Workplaces for Commuters have prevented 2.9 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions and conserved nearly 388 million gallons of fuel since the program began in 2001. EPA looks forward to seeing even greater participation in the coming year.



WINNERS in the ETC CATEGORY

GOLD

Jessica Barron, Wyeth
Mary Kate Brangaccio, TransitCenter, Inc.
Danielle Bricker, Yahoo!
Steve Cantor, Philips Semiconductors
Kim Cella, Citizens for Modern Transit
Brady Clark, Safeco Insurance
Theresa Fanelle, MetroPool
Patti Lum, Sacramento
Nortel
Brian Pawlowski, University of Michigan
Alan Powell, U.S. EPA Region 4
Doris Pudlo, AstraZeneca
Haily Summerford, City of Fort Worth, Texas
Cynthia Zebrowski, NJ TRANSIT

SILVER

Abigail Cooksey-Williams, State of Arizona
Chappell Garner, U.S. Department of State
Deborah Freed, Virginia Tech
Patricia Reitsma, U.S. EPA Region 8

BRONZE

Bonnie Bray, Washington Mutual
Willa Brody, New York Presbyterian Hospital
Edward Houghton, Pitney Bowes
Deborah Linnekin, Hosted Business Services, Inc.
Elizabeth Linter, MassRIDES
Tony-Pascal Offurum, Westchester Co. SMART Commute
Suzanne Sullivan, Xerox
Rich Todaro, IBM Headquarters



In the News...

Best Workplaces for Commuters has recently been featured in several publications.

Take a look...

“Cities Benefit from Commuting Options” in American City & County, April, 2005
<http://americancityandcounty.com/mag/government_cities_benefit_commuting/index.html>

“A Growing Trend: The Value of Commuter Benefits” in AWLP's The Alliance, August, 2005
<<http://www.bwc.gov/pdf/Growing-Trend-EPA-Alliance-August-2005.pdf>>

“Beating the Parking Crunch” in Facility Management Journal, May/June, 2005
<<http://www.bwc.gov/pdf/facility-management-journal-article.pdf>>

Thanks to those of you that sent us samples of how you are using the Best Workplaces for Commuters logo!

Look for these samples in our newly revised brochures, as well as in the “Toolkit for Employers” on the web at:

<<http://www.bwc.gov/empkit/kit.htm>>.

For ideas on using the Best Workplaces for Commuters logo on promotional materials visit:
<<http://www.bwc.gov/employ/promo-items.htm>>.



Best Workplaces for Commuters booth
at the ACT Conference in Disneyland

Welcome September's 91 new Best Workplaces for Commuters, covering 182,025 employees

Industry	Employer	City	State
Airlines & Aerospace	The Boeing Company	Everett	WA
Banking, Financial, & Insurance	Aetna	Seattle	WA
	Aetna	Portland	OR
	Arizona State Savings & Credit Union	Phoenix	AZ
	Federal Reserve Bank of New York	East Rutherford	NJ
	SAFECO Corporation	San Francisco	CA
Biotechnology	Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.	Research Triangle Park	NC
Colleges & Universities	Lewis & Clark College	Portland	OR
	University of North Texas	Denton	TX
Computer Software & Internet	Basis Technology Corp	Cambridge	MA
	Microsoft Corporation	Mountain View	CA
	Oracle	Burlington	MA
	Oracle	Cambridge	MA
	Oracle	Nashua	NH
	Oracle Cincinnati Field Office	Cincinnati	OH
	Oracle Corporation	Pleasanton	CA
	Oracle Corporation - Orlando offices	Orlando	FL
	Oracle USA, Inc.	Colorado Springs	CO
	Oracle, USA INC.	Denver	CO
Computers & Electronics	Hewlett-Packard		
	IBM - Austin	Austin	TX
	Kaiser IT	Pleasanton	CA
	Xerox		
Consulting, Employment & Business Serv.	Abt Associates Inc.	Cambridge	MA
	Diversified Personnel	Pleasanton	CA
	The RETEC Group, Inc.	Concord	MA
Energy & Fossil Fuels	Peabody Energy Corporation	Campbell County	WY
	TXU	Dallas	TX
Energy Distribution & Utilities	Georgia Power Company	Duluth	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Atlanta,	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Jonesboro	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Atlanta	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Marietta	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Smyrna	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Alpharetta	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Atlanta	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Atlanta	GA
	Georgia Power Company	McDonough	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Tucker	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Forest Park	GA
	Georgia Power Company	Lithonia	GA
	We Energies	Milwaukee	WI

Industry	Employer	City	State
Engineering, Construction & Architecture	Acsential Technologies	Atlanta	GA
	CH2M Hill	Oakland	CA
	Credence Systems Corporation	Hillsboro	OR
Entertainment, Hospitality & Tourism	Hunter World Travel	Pleasanton	CA
	South Coast Hotel and Casino	Las Vegas	NV
Food & Beverage	Sun-Maid	Pleasanton	CA
Government, City & County	City of Avondale	Avondale	AZ
	City of Dallas	Dallas	TX
	City of Mesa Municipal Complex	Mesa	AZ
	City of Monterey Park	Monterey Park	CA
	County of Santa Clara	San Jose	CA
Government, Federal & Military	Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, Western Region	San Francisco	CA
	Federal Aviation Administration	Jamaica	NY
	NASA Ames Research Center	Moffett Field	CA
	U.S. Department of Energy	Dallas	TX
	United States Attorney's Office	Phoenix	AZ
Hospitals & Health Services	Kent Hospital	Warwick	RI
	North Texas Health Care Laundry Cooperative Association	Dallas	TX
	Phoenix Memorial Hospital	Phoenix	AZ
	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center	Phoenix	AZ
Manufacturing (except computer)	AlSCO, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ
	Applied Materials	Santa Clara	CA
	Bell Helicopter Textron	Hurst	TX
	Eaton Corporation - Cleveland, OH (WHQ)	Cleveland	OH
	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	Tempe	AZ
	Georgia-Pacific Corporation	Atlanta	GA
	Leggett & Platt, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ
	PACCAR Inc	Bellevue	WA
Marketing, Advertising & PR	ADP Graphic Communications	Jersey City	NJ
	MurrayBrown	Fort Worth	TX
Nonprofit Organizations & Associations	Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas	Arlington	TX
	Environmental Defense	Boston	MA
	Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce	Fort Worth	TX
	HART Commuter Information Services	Flemington	NJ
	Lena Pope Home	Fort Worth	TX
	The Consensus Building Institute, Inc.	Cambridge	MA
	The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of	Haltom City	TX
Visiting Homemaker Service of Hudson County, Inc.	Jersey City	NJ	

Industry	Employer	City	State
Other Products & Services	Educational Testing Service	Princeton,	NJ
	Federated Insurance Company	Glendale	AZ
	Sands Motor Company	Glendale	AZ
	Sunset Ford	Peoria	AZ
	United Parcel Service Inc.	Secaucus	NJ
Pharmaceuticals	Merck & Co. Inc - Rahway	Rahway	NJ
Retail & Mail Order	Blockbuster	Dallas	TX
Telecommunications	QUALCOMM	San Diego	CA
	Verizon	Newark	NJ
Transportation Demand Management	The Move Management Center	Burlingame	CA
	The Port Authority of NY & NJ	New York	NY
BWC District	Downtown Denver	Denver	CO

Total Employers:	1,446
Total Employees:	2,794,991

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