EPA honors air-friendly employers

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday recognized the 30 Best Workplaces for Commuters in Houston.

The 30 firms were honored at a City Hall ceremony for putting the campaign into action for their combined 65,000 employees.

Three-fourths of Harris County workers drive alone to work, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Cutting that number would ease congestion, the EPA said, and it would help the region meet federal clean-air requirements by 2007.

The agency started the Best Workplaces campaign here three months ago. Houston is the third city targeted for the program, after San Francisco and Washington.

These companies were recognized:

Air Liquide America          Houston Endowment
American Electric Power      Kinder Morgan
Aramco Services Co.          Marathon Oil Co.
Baker Atlas/Baker Hughes INTEQ Marsh Houston
BHP Billiton                   Methodist Hospital
CenterPoint Energy            Metropolitan Transit Authority
Central Houston Inc.         Occidental Petroleum Corp.
City of Houston               St. Luke's Episcopal Health Systems
Deloitte & Touche            Teppco Partners
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Texas Children's Hospital
Devon Energy                  The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
Dynegy                       Systems
Employee Benefit Solutions    University of Texas Health Science Center at
Enbridge Employee Services    Houston
Fulbright & Jaworski          Waste Management
Greater Houston Partnership   Williams Cos