



Keeping You in the Loop!

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1. Best Workplaces for CommutersSM welcomes 39 employers in May and 44 in June – 198,852 additional employee commuters covered nationwide under our program!

The Best Workplaces for CommutersSM team welcomes the following employers that qualified as Best Workplaces for CommutersSM in May and June:

Arizona: Visit the Greater Tucson Area Web page at

<http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/tucson.htm> and the Greater Phoenix Area Valley of the Sun Web page at <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/phoenix.htm> for a full listing of employers in Arizona.

California: Becton, Dickinson, and Company; IBM Corporation; Marvell Semiconductor, Inc.; Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Inc.; Sony Online Entertainment; WellPoint; Watkins Manufacturing

Colorado: Wilson & Company

Connecticut: Gartner Group; Reckson Associates

Washington DC: American Society of Landscape Architects; Flexcar; U.S. Dept of Defense – Pentagon; U.S. Department of State; U.S. Department of Treasury

Delaware: Astra-Zeneca

Illinois: Scott Air Force Base; Southwestern Illinois College

Massachusetts: Boston Properties; Harvard Medical School; JetBlue; The Charles Stark Draper Laboratories

Maryland: Bethesda Urban Partnership; Chevy Chase Cars

Minnesota: Abbott Northwestern Hospital; University of MN-Twin Cities

Missouri: Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin; Internal Revenue Service; Metro; The Hauser Group; Thompson Coburn; Washington University; Washington University School of Medicine

North Carolina: Wake County

New Jersey: VA New Jersey Healthcare System

New Mexico: Intel Corporation

New York: Columbia University

Oregon: Verizon

Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University

Texas: Baylor College of Medicine; Bridgeway Capital Management; Calpine Corporation; Chevron Texaco; City of Fort Worth; Coates Rose Yale Ryman and Lee PC; Dallas Area Rapid Transit; El Paso Corporation; LP; EOG Resources; First Southwest Company; Fort Worth Transportation Authority; Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, LP; Houston Graduate School of Theology; North Central Texas Council of

Governments; Raytheon Expressway Site; Solvay America, Inc.; Southwest Bank of Texas; University of Texas Medical Branch; U.S. Attorney's Office

Virginia: American Physical Therapy; Irides

Vermont: City Market; Seventh Generation; Sugarbush Resort; Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC)

Washington: State Farm Insurance;

Wisconsin: University of WI-Madison

2. Four local communities announce their lists in May and June!

Summer is a busy time for Best Workplaces for Commuters! The following four areas announced their lists during the months of May and June. Check out the web site to view the outstanding media attention!

Metro New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

In May, there was excellent media coverage throughout the Metro New York, New Jersey, Connecticut Region for the first Best Workplaces for Commuters list release including 6 TV spots, 12 print articles and 19 radio spots including drive time NPR. Over 63 employers made the list covering over 100,000 employees. Visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/nynjct.htm> for more details!

Greater Tucson Area Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

Led by the Pima Association of Governments' Travel Reduction Program team, the Tucson List of Best Workplaces for Commuters was announced during their annual awards presentations on May 19, 2004. Due to their outstanding efforts, more than 10 percent of commuters in metropolitan Tucson now work for employers on the list - the highest percentage of any metro area in the country. Way to go Tucson! Visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/tucson.htm> for more details!

Greater St. Louis Region Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

Lead by Citizen's for Modern Transit, St. Louis had a very successful list release in June listing 26 employers as Best Workplaces for Commuters covering over 35,000 employees. Press coverage included a teaser on the front page of the St. Louis Dispatch with cover story in the Metro section listing all the employers on the list and several TV and radio spots. Visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/stlouis.htm> for more details!

Valley of the Sun – the Greater Phoenix Area Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

On June 23, EPA joined a coalition of environmental, transportation, and community groups to announce the 2004 Valley of the Sun's Best Workplaces for Commuters list at Bank One Ballpark. The list, which is comprised of 60 Phoenix-area employers representing more than 83,000 workers, spotlights the area employers that offer the very best when it comes to commuter benefits. Visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/phoenix.htm> for more details!

3. June phone forum makes the case for implementing effective carpool programs.

Carpool programs can be an easy, low cost commuter benefit to implement and a way to get large numbers of employees involved in alternative commute programs. That's what guest speakers, Brenda Williams of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Mike Wallace from the University of Arizona and David Jay Lieb of Cornell University shared

as they explained their respective programs. To learn about their programs and tips for implementing a strong Carpool program for your staff or customers, read the complete forum summary at:http://www.bwc.gov/pdf/ph-forum62404_508.pdf.

If there is someone in your organization who you want us to include on our *Best Workplaces for Commuters E-Update* distribution list, please e-mail your request to bwc@epa.gov with "**Add to Best Workplaces for Commuters E-Update**" as the subject and the individual's e-mail address in the message text. If you would like to have your name removed from this list and have another person's name from your organization added to our distribution list, please send us an e-mail message to bwc@epa.gov with "**Remove from Best Workplaces for Commuters E-Update**" as the subject line. Please provide us with the e-mail address of the new contact person for your organization.