



Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Employer E-Update

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*The Best Workplaces for CommutersSM E-Update:
Promoting the Latest Highlights to Participating Employers*

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1. Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Welcomes 74 Employers in June – 128,109 additional employee commuters covered nationwide under our program!

Best Workplaces for Commuters recognizes the following employers, who qualified in June:

- Arizona: Tucson Electric Power Company
- District of Columbia: Due to the large number of D.C. employer sign ups this month, please visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/dcareabest.htm> for a complete employer list.
- California: 3Com Corporation, California State University - Dominguez Hills, City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Clara, City of Walnut Creek, Hacienda Business Park Owners Association, John Muir Medical Center
- Colorado: Aspen BWC District, Denver Health Medical Center, FlatIron Shopping BWC District, Raytheon Polar Services Company
- Maryland: Discovery Communications, Inc.
- New York: Colgate Palmolive Company
- Texas: Air Liquide America, LP, Aramco Services Company, BHP Billiton, City of Houston, Enbridge Employee Services, Inc., Houston Endowment Inc., Kinder Morgan, Marsh Houston, The Methodist Hospital
- Virginia: Due to the large number of Virginia employer sign ups this month, please visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/dcareabest.htm> for a complete employer list.

2. It's Official - Congratulations on being one of the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM!

We are as excited as ever with our new name and to have all of you designated as Best Workplaces for Commuters! Along with the name change, we also made two more changes: a new Web site address <www.bestworkplaces.gov> or <www.bwc.gov> and a new e-mail address <bwc@epa.gov>. Our phone forum on June 25th highlighted the transition of these changes and discussed what it means to be on the list of Best Workplaces for Commuters. For a summary of the forum, please visit <http://www.bwc.gov/employ/ph-forumindex.htm>.

3. **Greater Washington Region's List Announced!**

On July 1, 2003, the Greater Washington Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters Coalition released to the media the first, annual 2003 Greater Washington Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters list, recognizing 76 qualified area employers. The event took place at Geico Headquarters, and the gecko mascot was present to promote alternative commuter options. For more information about the Greater Washington Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters or for a complete list, please visit <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/dcarea.htm>.

4. **Two New Colorado Best Workplaces for Commuters Districts: FlatIron Shopping District & City of Aspen**

It's been a busy month for Best Workplaces for Commuters, and Colorado is no exception with the enrollment of two new business districts: FlatIron Shopping District and the City of Aspen. These districts are unique in that commuter benefits are provided by a larger organization, as opposed to the employer directly offering the benefits.

FlatIron Shopping Best Workplaces for Commuters District is comprised of three adjacent malls, which were built by separate developers. FlatIron offers employee Eco Passes, zip shuttle service for shoppers, and bike paths, and it covers 275 employers and 6,000 employees.

The City of Aspen is the first entire city to be recognized as a Best Workplaces for Commuters district. Aspen offers free buses within the city, a guaranteed ride home program, car sharing, carpool matching, transportation for special events, and outreach to incoming vacationers to encourage them to leave their vehicles at home. It covers 300 employers and 12,000 employees, and as a result of its efforts, Aspen has been able to maintain stable traffic levels since 1993!

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.