



Keeping You in the Loop!

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1. "Keeping You in the Loop" redesigned

For nearly two years, the Best Workplaces for Commuters team has kept you in the loop about program activities. We have thought a good deal about how our employers digest their news and what they need in order to run an effective commuter benefits program. We have spoken to you and received comments from you. What we came up with is represented in a new look and feel for "Keeping You in the Loop". We look forward to presenting our new format for the newsletter. The September edition will include such things as information you can use for your internal newsletters, commuter benefit implementation tips, columns written by local transportation management organizations, and much more!

2. Two local communities announce their lists in August!

Summer may be winding down, but the Best Workplaces for Commuters program isn't. Two communities, from different regions of the country, announced their lists in August. Check out www.bwc.gov to view the outstanding media attention!

New England's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

On August 12, 2004, New England's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Coalition announced the 2004 New England's Best Workplaces for Commuters List. More than 110 of New England's employers are now Best Workplaces for Commuters, providing excellent commuter benefits to nearly 170,000 employees. The 2004 list also includes New England's first Best Workplaces for Commuters District - The Upper Valley New Hampshire/Vermont Best Workplaces for Commuters District. Click on the link to learn more.

<http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/newengland.htm>

Houston's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

On August 25, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and a coalition of local government and business organizations announced the 2004 list of Houston's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM. The 2004 list has almost doubled from last year. Kudos to Houston area employers! Click on the link to learn more. <http://www.bwc.gov/campaign/houston.htm>.

3. Best Workplaces for CommutersSM welcomes 112 employers in July and August – 83,654 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 July and August:

Alabama: Southern Company

Arizona: Goodrich AIP/South Phoenix; Pearson Government Solutions; Phelps Dodge

California: California State University, Sacramento; Daniel Benson & Associates; Department of Toxic Substances Control; DreamWorks; Marvell Semiconductor, Inc.; Northrop Grumman Corporation -- Los Angeles; Occidental Petroleum Corporation Headquarters; Public Storage, Inc.; Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; SANDAG; San Diego Air Pollution Control District; San Joaquin Council of Governments; Watkins Manufacturing; Xerox Corporation - El Segundo; ZebraWear

DC: Fannie Mae; Investment Company Institute; U.S. Census Bureau

Florida: Office Depot – Boca Raton

Georgia: Hewlett Packard -- Alpharetta; Hewlett Packard -- Atlanta; Mirant

Idaho: Hewlett Packard -- Boise

Massachusetts: Beacon Consultants Network Inc.; Hewlett Packard -- New England; Intel – Massachusetts; JetBlue Airways; Putnam Investments; Tufts - New England Medical Center, Inc.; Wyeth Pharmaceuticals – Cambridge

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Maryland: American Association of Health-System Pharmacists; American Kidney Fund; American Occupational Therapy Association; American Red Cross - Holland Laboratory; Ameritas Acacia; BAPA's Imagination Stage; Bethesda Row Cinema; Bethesda Urban Partnership; Bid 4 Assets; Biocon; Blue Star Group Inc.; Cambridge Information Group; Cambridge Systematics, Inc.; Care For You, Inc.; Catapult Technology; Catholic Network of Volunteer Services; Chevy Chase Cars; Children in the Shoe; Choice Hotels, Inc. – Silver Spring; Constella Group; Criimi Mae Inc.; D & R International; EagleBank; FDC Reports, Inc.; GMAC Residential Funding Corp.; History Associates; Holy Cross Hospital; Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; JDKatz; Jerry Subs – Nicholson; KRA Corporation; Lerch, Early & Brewer; Linowes & Blocher; Lockheed Martin Corporation – Bethesda; Maryland Heart, PC; Merchant Link LLC; Metro Orthopedics & Sports Therapy; Montgomery County, Maryland; Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning; Nabi Biopharmaceuticals; National Center for Cancer Survivorship; North Bethesda TMD; Oleen Healthcare Information Management; Pierce Hamilton & Stern; PLR Financial Partners; Polinger Shannon & Luchs; Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.; Project HOPE; PTFS; Realty Management Company; Senior Service America; Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy, & Ecker P.A.; Suburban Hospital; Tax & Accounting Professional., Inc.; Technology Service Corporation; The Chevy Chase Land Company of Montgomery County, Maryland; Truhart Systems International; United Educators; Victor O. Schinnerer & Co.; Washington Eye Physicians & Surgeons; Westat

Michigan: General Motors

North Carolina: ARCADIS, Inc.; BASF Corporation; City of Raleigh; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; North Carolina Department of Transportation; Wake County; Wyeth – Sanford

New Hampshire: Mascoma Savings Bank; University of New Hampshire

New Jersey: Wyeth – Madison; Wyeth – Princeton

Oregon: Hewlett Packard – Corvallis

Rhode Island: Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport

Texas: AMD – Spansion; Amerada Hess Corporation; Anadarko Petroleum Corporation;

Bank of America – Dallas; Calpine Corporation – Houston; Dow Chemical Company, Administrative Offices – Houston; EDS – Houston; Entergy-Koch, LP – Houston; FDIC - Dallas Regional Office; IBM -

Fort Worth; Mary Kay Inc.; MD Anderson; Medical City Dallas Hospital; Motheral Printing Company; North Central Texas Council of Governments; North Texas Commission; Oracle Corporation – Houston; Raytheon – Dallas; Reliant Energy – Houston; The Houston Exploration Company; TNS Partners, Inc.; XTO Energy Inc.

Virginia: Advanced Computer Concepts; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Federal Network Systems, LLC; Irides; Millenium Engineering & Integration Company; Office of Naval Research; Oracle – Reston; PostCentric; Rivanna Natural Designs, Inc.; The Boeing Company, Crystal City; The Boeing Company, Rosslyn; Training Resources Group; US Patent & Trademark Office; VA Dept. of Corrections, Adult Probation and Parole, District 10

Vermont: Advance Transit, Inc.; Seventh Generation; Upper Valley NH/VT Best Workplaces for Commuters District; Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Washington: Hewlett Packard - Vancouver

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