

April, 2005

# The First Annual BWC "Race to Excellence"...

...and <u>you</u> are invited to run the race! As a member of the BWC Network, actively integrating and promoting **Best**Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> into your local program you are encouraged to take part in this race and receive visibility for your efforts! Awards will be presented in person at this year's ACT conference in September, but you need not be present to win! To win in the BWC Race to Excellence you will be asked to complete a variety of activities.

The deadline for applying is Monday, August 1, 2005. But we're making the activities you choose retroactive to March 1!

Visit http://www.bwc.gov/networkawards/index.htm for the complete application.

We know you're interested, so we're also inviting you to join us in a call to provide more details! The call is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21 at 2:30 EST**.

Email us at **bwc@epa.gov** with your interest and we'll send you the call-in number!

### Tell us what <u>you</u> think via the Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> Brand Forum

We need your help! We are working to refine and strengthen our brand. As a key step in this process, we want your feedback to see how you perceive our brand. Your input is critical to making our brand as powerful as possible.

We've designed a web site that provides an easy, innovative way for you to provide input on the Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> brand.

Simply click on one, or all, of the four questions you'll find at: http://www.bwc.gov/brandforum

Deadline is April 29, 2005

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International TMA Summit is scheduled for May 15 - 17, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN. Join Best Workplaces for Commuters at the International TMA Summit as we announce the Twin Cities List of Best Workplaces for Commuters. Special thanks goes out to the Twin Cites Coalition for their hard work!

The International TMA Summit offers an opportunity for both experienced and novice TDM professionals to enhance their skills and knowledge in such areas as leadership, communication and marketing and innovative services. Check out the ACT Web site at http://tmi.cob.fsu.edu/act/main.asp for more information.

#### **Another Successful Strategy Session!**

We had a great turnout for the March 3rd Strategy Session, "Innovations in Telework". Network members heard firsthand about the ins and outs of this innovative commuter benefit, including the newest enabling technologies.

Visit our Web site at:

http://www.bwc.gov/suppor/seminars.htm#jan05 to see a summary of the presentations by our two guest speakers - Tsaba Networks and Nortel Networks.

## Spotlight on.....



Kudos to Kim Cella of Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) for her outstanding work in the St. Louis area. Kim continues to make use of the Best Workplaces for Commuters resources by integrating the BWC message in her local program materials. Recently, CMT recruited Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children's Hospitals into the Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> program. These hospitals are part of St. Louis based BJC HealthCare, the area's largest employer with more than 21,000 employees! This recruitment effort by CMT resulted in a press release in The St. Louis Business Journal which recognized Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children's Hospital as well as CMT, RideFinders, the American Lung Association and the St. Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership. Thank you Kim for your great work!

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#### **Welcome to Our New Network Members!**

| hese members joined the BWC   | Network in January /   | February / March, 20  |
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| <ul><li>Traffic Solutions</li><li>VPSI Inc.</li><li>Pierce Transit</li><li>Alliance for Work-Life Progress<br/>(AWLP)</li></ul> | Kent Epperson<br>Michael Odem<br>Rachel Grover<br>Larry Fleischman | Santa Barbara, CA<br>Birmingham, AL<br>Lakewood, WA<br>Scottsdale, AZ |
| - CommuterLink  | John Galgano   | College Point, NY   |
| - Andrew Swords   | Andrew Swords  | Trenton, NJ   |
| <ul> <li>Keep Middlesex Moving</li> </ul>   | Roberta Karpinecz  | New Brunswick, NJ   |
| <ul> <li>Fargo Moorhead Metropolitan</li> <li>Council of Governments</li> </ul>   | Mikel Kunza  | Fargo, ND   |
| - Dulles Area Transportation Assoc.   | Jim Larsen, CAE  | Chantilly, VA   |
| - CommuteSmart Rideshare  | Marion Carney  | Birmingham, AL  |
| - Lucy Edmondson  | Lucy Edmondson   | Boston, MA  |
| - New Jersey DOT  | Paul Thomas  | Ewing, NJ   |
| - Jim Domiano   | Jim Domiano  | Chicago, IL   |
| - Travis Martin   | Travis Martin  | Lancaster, PA   |
| <ul> <li>NYS Dept. of Environmental<br/>Conservation</li> </ul>   | Lawrence D'Arco  | Albany, NY  |
| - Earl R. Mahar   | Earl Mahar   | Grapevine, TX   |
| - Western Dairyland FOC Inc   | Anna Cardarella  | Fau Claire WI   |

- Western Dairyland EOC, Inc. Anna Cardarella Eau Claire, WI - SACOG Aimee Hagen Sacramento, CA - Greater Valley Forge Transportation Matthew Schell King of Prussia, PA Management Association

- Texas Children's Hospital Patsi Davis Houston, TX - Environmental Protection Agency Alan Banwart Kansas City, KS Region 7

- SC Bureau of Air Quality Columbia, SC **Devon Beaty** - Lewis Felleisen Lewis Felleisen Philadelphia, PA Columbia, SC - SC Dept. Health & Env. Control Chad Wilbanks Melissa Madison - 494 Commuter Services Edina, MN - Environmental Protection Agency Wake Forest, NC Ingrid Ward - EPA Region 4 Alan Powell Atlanta, GA

- South Natomas TMA Sacramento, CA **Deborah Maus** - Triangle J Council of Governments Tobin Freid Research Triangle Park, NC - Anthony Maietta Anthony Maietta Chicago, IL - Better Baymeadows Inc. Valerie Evans Jacksonville, FL - Hacienda Business Park James Paxon Pleasanton, CA

Teresa Davis



- The Pennsylvania State University



University Park, PA