

Race to Excellence Special Edition

Our team members have returned from the Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference, and have reported that the *Race to Excellence* Awards ceremony was a great success. But just as gratifying as recognizing the achievements of our winners was meeting with our Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Network members and employers, both those who have been longtime friends and new members as well. We received a great deal of positive and useful feedback.

One surprise was how many of the conference attendees were already associated with Best Workplaces for Commuters as employers or supporters, and if not, had heard of the program already. This reflects a lot of progress in the last few years, when we were first trying to get the message out to those who had never heard of us! We certainly felt that we were among friends.

EPA Region I Deputy Regional Administrator Presents *Race to Excellence* Awards in Boston

On August 29, EPA Region I Deputy Regional Administrator Ira Leighton presented the *Race to Excellence* awards to winners attending the **2006 Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference** in Boston, MA. These awards recognize the tremendous effort and achievement of individuals and organizations alike that are working to support transportation choices across the country and are promoting Best Workplaces for Commuters as a way to meet their objectives.

A total of 56 awards were given at three achievement levels--gold, silver, and bronze—in two categories—**Employee Transportation Coordinator and BWC Network Member**. In addition, this year's awards included a "Best Of" category for three Employee Transportation Coordinators from a Best Workplaces for Commuters-designated **University, a FORTUNE 500 Company, and a BWC District**.

Recipients in the audience took the stage to receive their awards and have their pictures taken with Deputy Regional Administrator Leighton.

Enjoy the photo gallery that begins on the next page.

'Best of' Awards



Universities
Stephanie Manning
Stanford



FORTUNE 500 Companies
Wendy Weaver
The Boeing Company (WA)



BWC Districts
Marci McGuire
Bishop Ranch
Transportation Association

**Gold Level
Winners
present at
Awards
Ceremony**



Gold - Employee Transportation Coordinators

AstraZeneca, Doris Pudlo
Baker Hughes, Jeana Hartman
Bishop Ranch, Marci McGuire
California Polytechnic State, Susan Rains
City of Fort Worth, Haily Summerford
Los Angeles World Airports, Devon Deming
Philips Semiconductors, Steve Cantor
Stanford University, Stephanie Manning
State of Arizona, Abigail Cooksey-Williams
The Boeing Company, Wendy Weaver
Yahoo!, Danielle Bricker

Gold - BWC Network

Hacienda Business Park
Houston-Galveston Area Council
MetroPool, Inc
Pima Association of Governments
San Diego Association of Governments
TransOptions
Triangle Best Workplaces for Commuters
Valley Metro/RPTA

**Silver Level
Winners
present at
Awards
Ceremony**



Silver - Employee Transportation Coordinators

Ada County Highway District, Kristin Lundstrom
Cartus, Mark Langdon
City of Anaheim, Lee Ertel
City of Henderson, Leslie Montisano
City of Pleasanton, Lisa Adamos
Georgia Power, Jane Franklin
Safeco Insurance, Brady Clark
Virginia Tech, Debby Freed
Wyeth, Jessica Barron

Silver - BWC Network

A Better City TMA
Campus Area TMA
Citizens for Modern Transit
CommuterLink
FlatIron Improvement District
Greater Boston BWC Partnership
North Texas Clean Air Coalition
Smart Trips - Knoxville
South Florida Commuter Services
University of Michigan

Bronze Level
Winners
present at
Awards
Ceremony



Bronze - Employee Transportation Coordinators

Anoka County TMO, Renee Sande
Central Arizona Project, Renee Finch
Motorola, Todd Johnson
New York Presbyterian Hospital, Willa Brody
People's Bank, Marisol Rodriguez
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Patti Lum
SRI International, Sandra Hinzmann
The RETEC Group, Inc., Stefanie Young
University of Pittsburgh, Janet Thomas
Washington Mutual, Bonnie Bray
Xerox - El Segundo, Suzanne Sullivan

Bronze - BWC Network

City of Mesa
Ecology and Environment, Inc.
Harford County Government/Harford Commuter Assistance
LexisNexis
MassRIDES
Textron (Bell Helicopter)
Upper Valley Rideshare

A Special Thanks to Those at the “Brown Bag”

EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters team thanks everyone who participated in the Monday brown bag lunch at our Best Workplaces for Commuters table during the ACT Conference. Our BWC Network Coordinator, Patrice Thornton, took notes on all the comments and suggestions given during the session, and has brought them back to the team. You will be seeing some changes on our www.bwc.gov Web site as a result of the discussion. The contributions of our BWC Network members maximize our effectiveness at meeting your needs and help us build a better Best Workplaces for Commuters program!

Kudos to EPA Region I Staff and to ACT!

We can't end this special edition without recognizing the efforts of EPA Region I staff, especially Halida Hatic for bringing Region 1 Deputy Regional Administrator Ira Leighton to present the Race to Excellence awards.

Our hosts, the Association for Commuter Transportation, once again showed that they know how to deliver a conference that leaves people with the feeling that their time was well spent, and with the desire to attend the next one!

Thanks to all!