



## Keeping You in the Loop!

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### 1. Best Workplaces for Commuters welcomes 11 employers in January – 125,845 additional employee commuters covered nationwide under our program!

The following employers earned the designation of Best Workplaces for Commuters in January:

**Arizona:** Tucson University Medical Center

**California:** CalTrans-Sacramento

**Colorado:** Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Silverplume, Microanalysis & Design, CA One Services

**Florida:** Tampa Downtown Partnership

**Georgia:** Central Perimeter Business District (BWC District)-Atlanta

**Maryland:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**Missouri:** Bridging the Gap

**New York:** IBM Corporate Headquarters

### 2. Improved “annual program update” procedures for Best Workplaces for Commuters

As of February 1, 2004, we've made the required annual reporting much simpler! The contact and benefits information you provided to EPA when you first enrolled in the program will already be contained on the online program update form. This means that when you submit your annual program update via the BWC Web site, you will simply need to confirm the information. Each time you report your benefits information, your online form is updated! For security reasons, we have assigned a unique password to each employer that provides access to the appropriate reporting form. You will receive your password approximately 30 days before your annual program update is due. Got a question? Send us an e-mail at [bwc@epa.gov](mailto:bwc@epa.gov).

### 3. Pleasanton, CA City Council recognizes 13 Best Workplaces for Commuters

On Tuesday, January 6, 2004, the Pleasanton, CA City Council awarded plaques to 13 Best Workplaces for Commuters in the region during a special recognition ceremony. Employers recognized were: Applied Biosystems, California Indemnity Insurance, CarrAmerica, City of Pleasanton, Hacienda Business Park Owners Assoc., Peoplesoft, Inc., Pronto Networks, Robert Half Intl, Roche Molecular Systems, Sierra Suites Hotel/Summerfield Suites Hotel by Wyndham, Standard Pacific Homes of Northern California, Xign Corporation, and Zenith Insurance Company. Other Pleasanton area employers on the list of Best Workplaces for Commuters but not able to attend: Anixter, Intero Real Estate Services, Paychex, Inc., ProBusiness/ADP, Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant, TechRP, and Tyco Healthcare. Congratulations to our Pleasanton, CA Best Workplaces for Commuters!

### 4. Making space for car-sharing: Using car-sharing as a benefits option: March 10, 2004 phone forum

Dial in for this phone forum on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 from 3:00-4:00pm (EST) and learn about car-sharing networks that give your employees convenient access to a fleet of vehicles – and pay only when you use them! Some employers provide car-share vehicles on site to their employees during the workday and others use car-share vehicles for their Emergency Ride Home needs. Learn about the various ways that make sense for your organization. Invitations will be emailed shortly so stay tuned!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.