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Solano Employees Meet Commuter Challenge

Suisun City, CA – 39 major employers totaling 545 employees participated in the second annual countywide Solano Commute Challenge. Employer participation increased by almost 45% over last year's 27 major employers, and employee participation soared nearly 85% over last year's 296 employees. The Challenge is a targeted outreach campaign for Solano County employers sponsored by the Solano Transportation Authority to encourage employees to use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 times from August to October.

"The high level of participation in this year's challenge illustrates that commuters can be encouraged to get out of their single-occupancy vehicles," said STA Board Chair and Solano County Supervisor Jim Spring. "Solano employers and their employees are to be applauded for their effort." 300 participants earned the title "Commute Champion" and received a \$50 Commute Buck reward. An additional 97 were dubbed "Commute Contenders" for attempting to meet the goal and earned \$25 Commute Buck rewards.

Employer Awards include:

Most Outstanding Workplace (greatest number of Commute Champions)

- County of Solano

Commute Champion Workplace (20+ Commute Champions)

- Genentech, Vacaville
- Goodrich, Fairfield
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Vallejo

Commute Contender Workplaces (10-20 Commute Champions)

- Bio-Rad Laboratories, Benicia
- Anheuser-Busch, Fairfield
- Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield
- NorthBay HealthCare Medical Center, Fairfield
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Fairfield & Suisun City
- California Vegetable Specialties, Rio Vista
- State Compensation Insurance Fund, Vacaville

Other participating employers with Commute Champions include:

Abbott Labs, Fairfield

Applied Materials, Fairfield

Ball Metal Container, Fairfield
California State Prison – Solano, Vacaville
City of Fairfield
City of Suisun City
City of Vacaville
City of Vallejo
Clorox, Fairfield
CSU Cal Maritime Academy, Vallejo
Daily Republic, Fairfield
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, Fairfield
First Northern Bank, Dixon
GPSG/Alza, Vacaville
Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices, Fairfield
Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices, Vacaville
Mariani Packing Company, Vacaville
Meyer Corporation, Vallejo/Fairfield
NorthBay HealthCare Administration, Fairfield
NorthBay HealthCare VacaValley Hospital, Vacaville
Papyrus, Fairfield
Solano Family & Children’s Services, Fairfield
Travis Credit Union, Vacaville
Vacaville Unified School District, Vacaville

The STA regularly encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation for commuting through its Solano Napa Commuter Information program. Commute alternatives information for transit, carpooling, vanpooling, and bicycles can be found at 800-53-KMUTE or <http://www.solanolinks.com/commuterinfo.html>. For more information on the Solano Commute Challenge, please contact Program Manager Judy Leaks at 707-399-3220, or refer to the website at: <http://www.solanolinks.com/snci-promotions.htm>.

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