

Hacienda in Pleasanton a Top Workplace for Commuters

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Best Workplaces for Commuters, a program designed to encourage sustainable transportation innovation singled out 29 employers nationwide Thursday, December 17th, 2015, during the annual "Race to Excellence" Virtual Awards Ceremony and gave Hacienda Business Park a Gold Award as a Best Workplaces for Commuters Site.

The awards recognize organizations that have taken exemplary steps to offer transportation options such as vanpool and transit benefits or telework and compressed workweek programs for their employees. To qualify as a Best Workplace for Commuters, applicants must meet a "Standard of Excellence" established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and maintained by the National Center for Transit Research (NCTR).

"The annual Race to Excellence provides national recognition for employers who offer high level commuter benefits," said Julie Bond, NCTR's national program manager for Best Workplaces for Commuters. "Offering commuter benefits is a win-win situation for employees who change their commuting habits to save time, money, and stress and employers who gain a competitive edge in employee recruitment and retention. This year we recognized 29 Race to Excellence winners who have exceptional commute programs."

This year participants were awarded in four categories: Site, Employer, Supporting Agency, and University. Hacienda was given a Gold Award in the Best Workplaces for Commuters Site category.

"We are extremely proud to have received this national recognition again," noted James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Hacienda has won this award several times because we have a great program which we continually strive to expand and improve. We believe that Hacienda is fundamentally a better place to work and live because of the commuting programs we have instituted."

Beyond the recognition awarded to Hacienda as a place, Hacienda's Best Workplaces for Commuters Site designation also means that the Best Workplaces for Commuters Employer recognition can be afforded to any of the park's 650 businesses, simply by virtue of their location in the park, once they sign up for the program.

Hacienda has crafted one of the most comprehensive commute service programs available. The wide range of free and convenient offerings include access to local and inter-regional transit and shuttles, incentives for new riders trying commute alternatives, preferential parking for rideshare and rideshare assistance, car sharing through the park's all electric vehicle City CarShare service, an emergency ride home, a library of commuting resources, pedestrian and biking facilities, and centralized commute information services.