Recognizing Outstanding Efforts to Help Make the Northwest a Better Place to Live, Play and Commute!

Pinnacle Award Winners

City Hall

Originally affected in 1992, City of Spokane - City Hall has approximately 360 employees and is located in downtown Spokane. This worksite offers free bus passes, secured bicycle parking with a bike repair station, showers, lockers, flexible work schedules, compressed work schedules, teleworking, guaranteed ride home program, ride matching service, employee recognition and prize giveaways! With incredible CTR survey results in 2022, they far surpassed both their non-drive alone rate and vehicle miles traveled goals. Currently they have over 53% of all employees using a commute option. The goal of the previous ETC, Shellee Ives, was to bring a consistent marketing message for their Commute Smart program to all the City of Spokane worksites. She started a CTR committee with the other ETCs and also secured a budget. The City now offers the same CTR benefits and prizes to all employees at their various locations. This worksite has been a Platinum award winner for the 4th year in a row now. Not an easy task! We are very pleased to honor City of Spokane – City Hall, with a 2022 Pinnacle Award.

WSDOT - Eastern Region

A public employer located in north Spokane and also one of our original employers who launched their CTR program in 1992. The Washington State Department of Transportation - Eastern Region employs approximately 230 employees, they offer fully subsidized bus passes, secured bike storage, showers, lockers, compressed work schedules, teleworking, compressed work schedules, a budget for CTR, a guaranteed ride home program, and monthly prize drawings. With amazing 2022 CTR survey results, WSDOT far surpassed both their non-drive alone rate and vehicle miles travel goals and have nearly 50% of all employees using a commute option. Management support is critical to the success of a Commute Smart program and WSDOT has amazing support from the top leadership down. They fully support the use of commute options as it aligns with their worksite values and has a positive impact in our community. WSDOT’s ETC, Jerry Compton, is fully committed to their CTR program. WSDOT scored 45 points for their Commute Smart program in 2022, the highest ever earned, since the program’s inception in 2017. This is a direct correlation of the commitment of both the employer and the ETC who go above and beyond! We are very pleased to honor WSDOT – Eastern Region with a 2022 Pinnacle Award.

Fairchild Air Force Base

Located in Unincorporated Spokane County, Fairchild Air Force Base was also one of the original worksites affected by the CTR Law in 1992. FAFB is a large and multifaceted worksite with many CTR benefits that employees enjoy including fully subsidized vanpool and transit fares, showers, lockers, secured bike storage, guaranteed ride home, teleworking and compressed work schedules. In addition, FAFB has a very dedicated ETC, Josh Potter who leads by example and vanpools daily. FAFB has also had an active CTR committee since 2005.

In 2022, this worksite started 6 new vanpool groups which accounted for 43% of Spokane Transit Vanpools net group increase. Their vanpool program also totaled a little over 26,000 trips in 2022, an increase of 32.8% over the previous year. Since the launch of the Commute Smart Champions points system in 2017, FAFB’s ETC has taken full advantage of every point available, always striving to achieve a higher level, which is exactly what FAFB has done the last 6 years. We are pleased to honor FAFB with a 2022 Pinnacle Award.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.
Jurisdiction Champion Awards

The seven jurisdictions in the Commute Smart Northwest program are dedicated in helping to improve their communities by providing continued enhancements that help employers achieve success with their Commute Smart programs. The Jurisdiction Champion Awards are determined by taking the point average from the employers in each jurisdiction.

The Clean Air Award to an organization that has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to improve air quality by reducing its overall air emissions.

The Transit Award to an employer with the largest growth of employee participation in the Employer Sponsored Bus Pass program.

Making the Difference!

Employee Transportation Coordinator Years of Service

Commute Smart Northwest thanks these dedicated Employee Transportation Coordinators for their many years of service promoting commute options and helping to make the Northwest a better place to live, play and commute!

Five Years

Angie Napolitano
City of Spokane
Policia

Casey Bantz
Inland Imaging Business Associates

Emily Lakoduk
SCAFCO Corporation

Rochelle Marsh
Multifab, Inc.

Chris Green
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Recognizing Outstanding Leadership, Support & Commitment

Through a quarterly nomination process, four Champion Business Leaders were selected to be honored for their exceptional efforts to make their Commute Smart programs a success at their workplaces.

**Champion Business Leaders**

- **Randy Radin**
  - Field Operations Chief (TTEC)
  - "Participating in CTR allows DSHS employees to make a difference in our community!"

- **Clark Brekke**
  - President (Avista)
  - "Goodwill believes in environmental stewardship. CTR is good for our environment and helps our mission to reduce, reuse and re-purpose!"

- **Gretchen Guess**
  - Executive Director of Operations (Avista)
  - "The CTR program provides affordable transportation options for our employees and makes a positive impact on our environment!"

- **Josh DiLuciano**
  - Vice President of Energy Delivery (Avista)

**Champion Employee Transportation Coordinators**

- **Sandi Hamilton**
  - Goodwill Industries

- **Carmen Clapp**
  - Spokane Community College

- **Kris Holster**
  - WA State DSHS - Eastern Region

- **Jennifer Lowery**
  - TEFC

**Champion Commuters**

- **Candice Tovar**
  - Gonzaga University

- **Eddie Taylor**
  - City of Spokane - Water Department

- **Patrick Hallinan**
  - WA State Dept. of Ecology

- **Dan Purdy**
  - PrimeCorp

**Special thanks to all of our 2022 Commute Smart Champions!**

Your efforts to use and promote commute options is helping make the Northwest a better place to live, play and commute.