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EPA honors air-friendly employers

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday recognized the 30 Best Workplaces for Commuters in Houston.

The 30 firms were honored at a City Hall ceremony for putting the campaign into action for their combined 65,000 employees.

Three-fourths of Harris County workers drive alone to work, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Cutting that number would ease congestion, the EPA said, and it would help the region meet federal clean-air requirements by 2007.

The agency started the Best Workplaces campaign here three months ago. Houston is the third city targeted for the program, after San Francisco and Washington.

These companies were recognized: Air Liquide America American Electric Power Aramco Services Co. Baker Atlas/Baker Hughes INTEQ **BHP** Billiton CenterPoint Energy Central Houston Inc. City of Houston **Deloitte & Touche** Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center **Devon Energy** Dynegy **Employee Benefit Solutions** Enbridge Employee Services Fulbright & Jaworski **Greater Houston Partnership**

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