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## Six Selected as Employees of the Quarter for 1st Quarter FY 2006

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(Jan. 18, 2006) Six employees, whose work exemplifies four of the seven core Metro values, have been selected as Employees of the Quarter for the first quarter of FY 2006.

The employees are being honored in the categories of employees, innovation, teamwork and safety. The other three categories are fiscal responsibility, integrity and customer satisfaction.

### Employees

USG Telecom team member, Elton Owens, was responsible for the creation of a new, multi-page catalog that contains full-color images of security camera views. Owens and his co-workers initially relied on their memories when it came to the security cameras, but Owens went beyond the call of duty and documented all the security camera views at home, using his own digital camera, software, and printer. His can-do attitude and commitment to his co-workers and his clients make Owens one of Metro's best employees.

### Innovation

Dr. Vishwanath Mawley of Rail Fleet Services Engineering has a technical resume spanning more than four decades of international experience in engineering. He has made many contributions to Metro, including development of standard criterion for testing of AC and DC traction motors, analysis and resolution of lighting problems on railcars, and design and installation of high voltage fuses in place of obsolete circuit breakers and other electrical equipment on the Metro Red Line. Mawley is also involved within the community and is a past member of the Transportation Committee and a director of the Wilshire Chamber of Commerce. He is passionate about his commitment to rail car design and is continually raising the bar in terms of innovation.

### Teamwork

Mechanics Andrew Warren, Rommel Vargas, and Frank Forde of Arthur Winston Division 5 Maintenance are an inspiration to the rest of the crew. They worked hard in preparation for Metro's Bus Roadeo, for the APTA International Roadeo in Dallas and for the Southern California Regional Bus Roadeo in Orange County. On many occasions, Warren, Vargas and Forde practiced for these events on their own time. They went above and beyond what was expected of them and were always willing to assist their co-workers to ensure that the Arthur Winston Division was represented with the pride and prestige that it deserves.

### Safety

Keith Nielsen of Fleet Management & Support Services is responsible for inspecting the buses that come into Division 12. He cleans up the spills caused by diesel buses, makes the proper repairs and keeps the division environmentally compliant through his hazardous waste management techniques. He also created a system to check each bus, categorizing them according to their vital stats (engine, body, etc.) and then labeling them for auction. This efficient organization has allowed Metro to attain the proper worth of its buses, rather than auction them for less than their true value. Nielsen also manages the department's tow hotline and is constantly looking for more ways to help Metro serve its customers.

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<b>How to Nominate an Employee of the Quarter</b>
<p>The Employee of the Quarter program is administered by the Communication Services Department, which is now accepting nominations for the second quarter of FY 2006. The deadline is Jan. 31.</p> <p>The nomination form is located on the Employee Recognition web page at <a href="http://intranet1/employee_recognition/eqq.htm">http://intranet1/employee_recognition/eqq.htm</a>. Once the form is completed by the person making the nomination, it must be approved by the department head and the executive officer, then forwarded to Jennifer Salamanca at Mail Stop 99-19-3.</p> <p>Final selection of the Employee of the Quarter winners will be made by the Employee of the Quarter selection committee, whose members are appointed by business unit executive officers for a period of one fiscal year. Questions about the program should be directed to Salamanca at 922-2263. <a href="#">&gt;top</a></p>



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