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Metro Honors Employers for Rideshare Programs During 9th Annual Rideshare Diamond Awards Luncheon

Metro along with the Ventura County Transportation Commission today honored those employers in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties that have shown outstanding achievement in the development and implementation of successful rideshare programs for their employees.

"In these times of escalating gas prices and global warming, it's never been a better time to take cars off the road by carpooling, vanpooling or riding public transit," said Metro CEO Roger Snoble. "We proudly recognize these employers today for their exemplary commitment and hard work throughout the year in encouraging their employees to rideshare."

The Corporate Diamond Award this year went to Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. "The Jet Propulsion Laboratory joins an elite group of Corporate Diamond Award Winners that are committed to providing their employees with a full range of rideshare commuter options, services and programs," said Metro Commute Services director David Sutton.

Other Diamond Award winners included: Robbins Auto Top, Adventist Media Center, Ojai Valley Inn & Spa, Community Memorial Hospital, Countywide Financial, Kapo Ku Co opportunity, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Memorial Hospital, City of Burbank, Cal State Los Angeles, The Aerospace Corporation, UCLA Transportation-, Raytheon, Los Angeles World Airports, The Walt Disney Company-and Kaiser Permanente. Several other companies received Honorable Mention Awards.

The Rideshare Diamond Awards were handed out today at a special recognition awards luncheon held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

Nominations for the awards were submitted from employers in four categories: Outstanding Marketing Program, Individual or Group Achievement and Shoestring Program and Innovative Rideshare Program or Strategy.

A panel of five judges representing the Los Angeles County transportation commissions in Los and Ventura reviewed the nominations and selected the winners.

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