



City of SeaTac earns 7th consecutive WellCity Award

SeaTac, WA, September 22, 2011 - Earlier this year, the City earned a WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Employee Benefit Trust, one of 82 cities receiving the award. The award is based on meeting stringent best practice standards in employee health promotion. This is the City's 7th consecutive year earning the award.

Award recipients receive a 2% premium discount on their Regence BlueShield or Asuris Northwest Health medical coverage for employee and spouses in 2012. The City will save an estimated \$30,000 in general fund budget expenditures in 2012 for medical insurance premiums.

“While the 2% premium discount is a considerable motivation in times of strained budgets, the rewards go beyond the monetary savings. A city that works on employee health sees increases in productivity, morale and employee retention, and decreases in absenteeism and injuries,” said Mike McCarty, AWC CEO. AWC's Employee Benefit Trust provides health benefits to over 15,000 city employees in Washington.

The City received a letter from the National League of Cities dated August 31, 2011 commending the City for this achievement.

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