



City of SeaTac earns 8th consecutive WellCity Award

SeaTac, WA, June 14, 2012 – The City of SeaTac recently earned a WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Employee Benefit Trust. A total of 84 cities and public entities demonstrated their commitment to employee health promotion and met the stringent standards set forth for the award.

All of these cities are part of AWC’s Employee Benefit Trust, a health insurance pool that provides coverage to over 15,000 city employees across the state. As a result of earning the designation, WellCity Award recipients will receive a 2% premium discount on their Regence BlueShield or Asuris Northwest Health medical coverage in 2013.

“Earning a discount on health insurance premiums is a great incentive provided by AWC,” said Todd Cutts, City of SeaTac City Manager, “I want to thank the SeaTac Wellness Committee for their efforts in offering programs and events that engage and educate our employees in all aspects of wellness.”

“We’re pleased to be able to offer a financial incentive for cities to promote health and well-being among their staffs,” said Mike McCarty, AWC CEO. “We know from experience that many cities making this level of commitment also find their employees are more productive, have higher morale, and experience fewer injuries and absences. That’s a win-win for everyone.”

The award recipients demonstrated their commitment by creating policies, committees, and champions at the local level that focused on topics such as: work–life balance, healthy food, physical activity, personal care, and employee safety. Each community is encouraged to implement what works best for their employees, with an eye towards meeting the standards set forth by the program.

Founded in 1933, the Association of Washington Cities is a private, non-profit, non-partisan corporation that provides legislative representation, educational training, technical assistance, municipal liability insurance, health insurance and other services to Washington's cities and towns.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 25,230. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically

strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle. For more information contact Jeff Robinson, Economic Development Manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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