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## **Genentech Employees Rise to Solano Commute Challenge**

**Suisun City, CA** – In celebration of the 2007 Solano Commute Challenge, thirty-one employee participants from Genentech – Vacaville Campus will be recognized at a luncheon in their honor, on Friday, March 7, 2008, by Vacaville Mayor and Solano Transportation Authority Board Member Len Augustine and the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce.

The Solano Commute Challenge was a targeted outreach campaign for Solano County employers that involved the local business community in addition to employers and employees. The overall goal for this campaign was to increase and sustain Solano County employees' use of alternative transportation. The challenge was to "use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 times from July to October." 27 major Solano County employers totaling 297 employees participated countywide.

Solano Commute Challenge was sponsored by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in partnership with large employers and chambers of commerce throughout Solano County. Of all participating employers in Solano County, Genentech – Vacaville Campus had the most employees using alternative transportation methods to commute to work from July to October, earning the company the title of "Most Outstanding Workplace."

Mayor Augustine and the Vacaville Chamber will present recognition certificates to Genentech, Mitch Korcyl (the on-site Commute Challenge Coordinator), and Alicia Sullivan (Genentech's Most Outstanding Commuter) at a luncheon recognizing all the Genentech employees who participated in the Solano Commute Challenge. Sixty-four Genentech employees registered for the Challenge and twenty-six employees became Commute Champions by meeting or surpassing the goal.

The STA regularly encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation for commuting through its Solano Napa Commuter Information program. Commute alternatives information for transit, carpooling, vanpooling, and bicycles can be found at 800-53-KMUTE or <http://www.solanolinks.com/commuterinfo.html>. For more information on the Solano Commute Challenge, please contact Program Manager Judy Leaks at 707-427-5104, or refer to the website at: <http://www.solanolinks.com/snci-promotions.htm>.

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