

**CAMBRIDGE**

# GoGreen Awards

2009



**CATEGORY:** Waste Reduction / Large Organization

## **VOLPE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS CENTER U.S. Department of Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Administration**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- *The US DOT Volpe Center has adopted a comprehensive waste stewardship program to minimize waste and maximize resource reuse. In two years, from 2006 to 2008, the recycling rate at the Volpe Center went from 4% to 50% and their goal is to maintain an annual recycling rate of at least 90%.*
- *The recycling program diverts paper, cardboard, commingled containers, computers, small electronics, batteries, recordable media, fluorescent lamps, printer cartridges, and construction and demolition waste from the waste stream. Yard waste is composted on site.*
- *Paper products purchased have post-consumer recycled content: 30% in office paper, 50-100% in toilet paper and 100% in paper towels. All payroll and timesheet paperwork is now paperless.*
- *Old computers are donated to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and books and clothing are collection for local charities.*
- *In 2009, Volpe employees established a Green Team that conducted a "dumpster audit" to determine how to maximize recycling.*

### **ABOUT VOLPE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS CENTER**

*The Volpe Center was established in 1970 to provide analytical, scientific, and engineering support to the newly established U.S. Department of Transportation. The vision for the Center is to be the leading federal center of excellence for innovative transportation systems solutions.*

*Since the Volpe Center was established, we have addressed major national and international transportation issues related to safety, security, environment, mobility, and economic growth and trade. By applying our unique combination of technical knowledge and expertise, we work to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of our clients in carrying out their missions to transport people and goods safely and efficiently.*

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### **ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD**

*The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.*