

2007 GoGreen Business Awards



CATEGORY: Energy and Transportation/Large Business

NOVARTIS

220 Massachusetts Avenue

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Novartis initiated 13 energy efficiency projects in 2005, including lowering temperature set points, closing chemical exhaust hoods, utilizing free cooling from a tower basin, setting up an override program to turn lights off between 7:30 pm and 6:00 am, turning outdoor perimeter lighting off after 10 pm, and setting back temperatures during winter heating season for office areas.
- Between 2005 and 2006, total energy consumption was reduced by 10%, including 339,444 kilowatt-hours less electricity usage.
- On transportation, 67% of Novartis employees take public transit, ride share, bike, or walk to work, compared to an average of 52% for their census tract.
- Among several transportation demand measures, Novartis charges for employee parking, but provides half-price parking for two-person carpools and free parking for carpools with more than three people.

ABOUT NOVARTIS IN CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge is home to the headquarters for Novartis's global pharmaceutical research organization, the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR). NIBR's 1300 associates in Cambridge are conducting research to find new medicines in oncology, ophthalmology, cardiovascular, infectious diseases, musculoskeletal disorders, and diabetes and metabolism. Novartis continues to grow in Cambridge. This summer the headquarters for the Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics division is relocating to Cambridge from Emeryville, California.



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ABOUT THE GOGREEN AWARD

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, and energy. The awardees make significant contributions to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming and to meeting the Cambridge Climate Protection Plan goal of reducing those emissions by 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2010.