



11th Annual Disability Employment Awareness Conference & Training

DiversAbility
Attracting, Engaging & Advancing Persons with Disabilities



October 16, 2014 8:30 - 5PM Hilton Garden Inn - Bay Bridge 1800 Powell Street Emeryville, CA

Alameda County’s unique commitment to diversity will be showcased once again on October 16 when the County hosts its **11th Annual Disability Employment Awareness Conference and Training**. The event will be from **8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn - Bay Bridge, 1800 Powell Street, Emeryville**. Once again the conference will focus on cutting-edge topics related to disabled workers and their workplace needs. Keynote speakers will be Kathleen Martinez, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy, US Department of Labor; and Kareem Dale, former Special Assistant to the US President for Disability Policy. The conference and training is open to businesses, nonprofits and government agencies that work with disabled employees or are interested in doing so. The conference will also underscore Alameda County’s leadership in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities - and let us leverage our experience to help other employers. An example of that leadership is our Project SEARCH program, the first public sector initiative of its kind providing people with autism-related disorders and other disabilities opportunities for work experience. Several of the program’s graduates have gone on to permanent jobs with Alameda County, or in public- and private-sector workplaces in our community. For more information, go to <http://www.acgov.org/ms/deaconf> or call the Diversity Programs Office at (510) 272-3895.

Woldesenbet Receives National Award

Alameda County Public Works Director Daniel Woldesenbet received the “2014 Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year” award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 27. This annual award is the highest individual honor given by APWA. The APWA honored Woldesenbet for outstanding contributions to the fields of public administration/management and engineering, and his creativity, acute insights, and strategic thinking.



Alameda County Leads Regional Acquisition of Electric Vehicles

Alameda County has added 26 new electric vehicles to its fleet by participating in an innovative collaborative procurement involving about a dozen local governments from around the Bay Area. The procurement was finalized in early July and was celebrated at a news conference outside the AlcoPark Garage in Oakland led by Keith Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Alameda



County led the groundbreaking procurement, which involved a total of 90 all-electric vehicles that have been added to the fleets of local governments around the Bay. It is the largest government fleet deployment in the United States to date, and will be followed later this year by the acquisition of electric vehicle charging equipment. “By replacing older fleet vehicles with clean EVs, we’re greatly reducing pollution while saving our taxpayers money on fuel costs,” Carson said. “By combining some of these EVs with on-site solar power charging stations, we are one of the nation’s leaders in the use of green vehicles.” The new vehicles raise the number of all-electric or hybrid vehicles in Alameda County’s fleet to over 50.

County Takes First Place in “Great Race for Clean Air”

Alameda County took first place for producing the greatest overall reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the recent **Great Race for Clean Air** competition, sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 511 Rideshare and a host of other community organizations. Alameda County was found to be the Great Race entry that produced the highest overall reduction of carbon dioxide, or CO₂, by ridesharing, vanpooling, biking, walking or riding transit to work instead of driving solo. The Great Race took place between March 1 and April 30, involving more than 1,000 employees from 70 local companies who logged their air-friendly commutes. Approximately 773,225 lbs. of CO₂ were saved by employees choosing not to drive to work alone. This savings is equivalent to preventing more than 835,000 miles from being driven on Bay Area roads by an average passenger vehicle. “This is a great achievement for Alameda County. Supporting clean commuting is a high priority, and this award shows that our employees are ready to try options such as biking, BART, and carpooling to work instead of driving alone,” said Phillip Kobernick, Sustainability Project Manager for GSA Transportation Services.

Alameda County Economic Efforts Draw National Attention

Alameda County’s unique efforts to stimulate growth in the local economy are drawing the attention of government leaders from around the country. A new study by the National Association of Counties (NACo) highlights Alameda County programs as prime examples of the innovative new ways local governments are spurring regional economic growth both to create jobs and to maintain a healthy revenue base that supports core government programs. The NACo study – “Strong Economies, Resilient Counties” – highlights Alameda County programs that work to attract and retain local business, boost the job skills of at-risk youth and job-seeking parents, and offer incentives to companies to provide jobs to help local residents transition off public assistance. Front and center in the NACo study are the activities of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA), an innovative partnership involving government, business, the nonprofit sector and higher education that works to strengthen the regional economy and boost employment opportunities.

Alameda County Hiring Poll Workers

Alameda County needs poll workers to help with the November 4, 2014 General Election. Poll workers earn between \$115 and \$190 for their service.

Alameda County is particularly interested in hiring bilingual poll workers, who can earn extra money for their service. Bilingual poll workers must be fluent in:

- English/Chinese,
- English/Hindi,
- English/Japanese,
- English/Khmer,
- English/Korean,
- English/Spanish,
- English/Tagalog or
- English/Vietnamese.

Registered voters can serve as poll workers. Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders) can also serve as bilingual poll workers at designated polling places.

All poll workers must attend a mandatory training class prior to Election Day.

High school students, ages 16 and older, are also eligible to work as poll workers through Alameda County’s Student Poll Worker Program. Students must be in good academic standing, receive faculty permission and attend a mandatory training prior to Election Day.

Visit our website at <http://www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm> for more information and to fill out an application or contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971.

WE ARE AC!

This month we launch **WE ARE AC!** a regular series of short videos, photo essays and written stories highlighting County employees and departments and the vital work they perform. Currently we feature videos on the Registrar of Voters office



and its extensive preparations for the June Statewide Primary Election; and the Health Care Services Agency’s Health Care for the Homeless program, which activates a network of mobile clinics to attend to the health needs of people living on the streets. These videos can be

viewed at <http://www.acgov.org/about/weareac/>. The project will focus on activities across the Alameda County organization, as we shine the spotlight on our talented and diverse workforce and the interesting jobs our employees perform.

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Alameda County Wins Big at National Conference

Alameda County came away with seven Achievement Awards and some high-profile recognition at the National Association of Counties (NACo) National Conference earlier this month in New Orleans. Five of the awards went to the County's Information Technology Department (ITD) for its innovative use of technology to boost Alameda County's citizen engagement efforts. Awards also went to the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department. The winning Alameda County entries were:

- ITD for its "ALCO Shuttle App," which provides County employees and the public instant access to information about the weekday shuttle service that connects key County facilities to BART and other public transportation hubs.
 - ITD for its "Canvassing App," a new mobile tool for County staff that reduced by 50 percent the total effort involved in the annual canvassing of business properties.
 - The Alameda County Data Sharing Initiative, which provides easy public access to records and information about County business and operations.
 - "Election Mobile Apps" created by ITD that provide important time-sensitive information to voters, poll workers and candidates about local elections.
 - The "My Property App" that allows users to find out everything they need to know about properties in Alameda County.
 - The Alameda County Probation Department for its "Transition Center" project, which leverages the resources of multiple County agencies to assist youth transitioning from the juvenile justice system.
 - The Alameda County District Attorney's Office for its Youth Empowerment Program, which offers a wide range of integrated services to children who have witnessed or who are victims of family violence.
- Many of Alameda County's award-winning apps are available for download via iTunes or Google Play.

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Alameda County Superior Court <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/>

For a calendar of Alameda County events, visit the County website at <http://www.acgov.org/calendar>. Also check the websites of the members of the Board of Supervisors (listed under Board contacts on the left side of this page).