

FACT SHEET

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The Facts About eWorkPlace

- eWorkPlace is an initiative to encourage Twin Cities employers (big or small, private, public or nonprofit) to offer their employees the option of telework.
 - Telework in this reference is defined as the ability to work from home or a remote location and connect to the office, coworkers and clients via the Internet and other technology.
- eWorkPlace has established a program goal of recruiting and retaining at least 2,700 Minnesota participants within its first year (June 2009 - June 2010).
- eWorkPlace is an innovative model that will change and enhance how Minnesota companies conduct business, and help the educate the nation about the value of telework.
- Telework has proven to reduce highway congestion, conserve fuel and reduce fuel-based carbon-dioxide emissions
 - If 2,700 Minnesotans teleworked one day per week, it would potentially remove more than 1,000 rush hour trips per day on Twin Cities' roadways.
 - The Environmental Protection Agency states that if merely 10 percent of the nation's workforce teleworked just one day each week, Americans would conserve more than 1.2 million gallons of fuel per week.
 - Automobiles and light trucks emit 20 percent of the United States' fossil fuel-based carbon dioxide, a key contributor to the greenhouse effect. A 90-minute round-trip commute pumps 9 pounds of carbon monoxide and 45 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air every day.
- eWorkPlace is one of several initiatives of the Urban Partnership Agreement, which is aimed at reducing traffic congestion on highways throughout the Twin Cities Metro Area.
- The program to implement eWorkPlace is a collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT and Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota and is funded by a state appropriation of \$3.2 million.

