

## Commuter Survey/ Rideshare Services

Nowadays, there is a heightened awareness of how facilities affect the environment. The use of fossil fuels and their associated emissions is of particular interest due to the global warming effects. Because of this, many facilities are trying to reduce their carbon footprint. A major part of that footprint is not only the fuel burned to heat and sustain operations, but also the fuel used by employees commuting to work in their vehicles.

The larger the carbon footprint, the more:

- concern for investors, customers and other interested parties
- significant impacts for companies with Environmental Management Systems (EMS)
- likelihood the company will be subject to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) rideshare reporting requirements

To ensure carbon emissions are kept to a minimum, the MassDEP has made submitting a rideshare report each year by December 31 mandatory for certain facilities. If your company meets one of the requirements listed below, you must complete and submit a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Rideshare report:

- Any non-educational facility that has 1,000 or more employees that commute to work during daytime hours
- Educational institutions with 1,000 or more applicable commuters
- Any non-educational facility that has 250 or more applicable commuters that are also subject to the MassDEP Air Operating Permit Program (310 CMR 7.00, Appendix C)

Whether you have completed a MassDEP Rideshare report in the past or are new to the process, gathering the necessary data can be challenging, but CAPACCIO can help. Our staff has years of experience developing survey questionnaires, collecting and analyzing data and completing rideshare reports. We have also developed a web-based commuter survey tool to assist you in the process.

### SERVICES - Commuter Survey Tool

CAPACCIO's web-based commuter survey tool is designed to collect the data required to meet the MassDEP Rideshare reporting requirements (310 CMR 7.16). The tool may also be tailored to your facility's internal programs where employee transportation has been identified as a significant environmental aspect in your EMS goals and targets.

The survey is deployed, managed, and hosted via CAPACCIO's website. Your employees simply click the provided link and enter their responses to the questions regarding their transportation/commuting patterns. CAPACCIO then compiles the recorded data and provides an analysis of the final survey findings in a format most useful to the facility, such as graphs with written explanations. The findings can be shared with employees online and can be tailored to report commuter trends for your EMS objectives and targets and facilitate the completion of your MassDEP Rideshare reports.

### BENEFITS

- Eliminates paperwork and the need for special IT equipment or programs
- Makes communicating results easy
- Allows summary data to be presented in a variety of formats
- Facilitates completion of MassDEP Rideshare reports
- Helps identify commuting trends that can be used for tracking progress toward EMS objectives and targets for employee transportation
- Assists in completing corporate reports for EMS objectives and targets

### QUALIFICATIONS

Our Technical Services staff has the experience and expertise to help you manage and prepare your commuter data in a format most useful to your organization. If needed, we can also complete your MassDEP Rideshare report. Our professionals are also:

- Database Infrastructure Designers
- Environmental Engineers and Scientists

