



## **State Farm moving into new Vallejo Operations Center**

State Farm Insurance will officially open its Vallejo Operations Center some time in November. The center is located on the waterfront at 400 Mare Island Way at the intersection of Capitol Street and Mare Island Way.

There are 25 operations centers in 13 zones that have staffs that underwrite insurance policies, process claims and oversee the companies business in their areas.

The Vallejo Operations Center will initially employ about 200 people, with that number expected to increase in the future. On October 30 State Farm held a Safety Fair at the new Operations Center, which included a car seat clinic, visits by members of the California Highway Patrol and the Vallejo Fire Department.

State Farm is the largest U.S. insurer of cars and homes. There are more than 79,000 employees and 16,000 agents and their employees throughout the United States and parts of Canada. State Farm Bank, launched in 1999, has 485,000 active accounts and \$5 billion in assets.

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State Farm has 73 million policies in force, and 28 million households are insured with State Farm. One of every five automobiles in the United States is insured by State Farm, making it the nation's No. 1 insurer of cars. State Farm is also the leading insurer of homes in the United States. More than 1 million registered pleasure boats in the U.S. are insured by State Farm.

Work on the Capitol Street extension next to the State Farm building is also nearing completion. Remaining work, including landscaping, installation of street lights and a traffic signal is scheduled for completion by January 2005. The newly-resurfaced ferry parking lot adjacent to State Farm and directly across the street from the ferry building has been striped and is now open for use by the public.