



# E-News

“The Environment is our Business”

A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

## - FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -

**Communications electronica.** With NEBC hosting an increasing number of events, and partnering with more organizations on their events, you may be feeling flooded by emailed announcements from us. My “delete” finger is as fast as anyone’s, so I understand the view from your end. We want to provide our members with useful information, but given the range of member interests, not everything is relevant to each recipient. To reduce the number of emails, we are consolidating special event announcements into a periodic summary titled “Environmental Events Calendar” This will list the conferences presented by NEBC or by those with whom we have a partnership arrangement. The first one went out earlier this week, and listed seven conferences coming up during the last four months of the year. The Monthly E-News calendar will continue to list a wider range of events of interest, including NEBC’s regular luncheon and networking events. You will continue to receive notices and reminders about NEBC events and special opportunities, but fewer of them. If you have ideas as to how our communications to you can be most effective in this crowded information world, please let me know.

**August 17 - Moving Day.** Well, it happened. After 11 years of subletting space from an Oregon state agency, they are expanding and the NEBC office has to move. We found another location in downtown Portland (the 620 Bldg., on SW Fifth Ave. between Alder and Morrison). The new location should serve us well, offering more room for staff to work, plus space for meetings right in the office. For visitors, it is right on the MAX line. The office will close on Friday August 17 and will be back in operation on Monday the 20th. In the process, we will be setting up a new server and email system, plus a new telephone system. Of course we expect the transition to go flawlessly, but just in case, we appreciate your patience if there is any disruption of communications. The phone number will stay the same, however the FAX number will change (check the website).

**Call for Speakers & Sponsors.** We are in the midst of planning for the Nov. 14 conference “Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice.” At this time we are still soliciting suggestions for speakers, but send them to me by Aug. 17. Please view the conference agenda first to see where they might fit. Also, conference sponsorship represents a prime opportunity for visibility in this emerging sector. Act soon for maximum exposure. An outline agenda and sponsorship information can be found at [www.nebc.org](http://www.nebc.org).

**Call for Nominations.** If you have helped a Washington client with an innovative environmental project, nominate them for a Washington Environmental Excellence Award. Deadline is Sept. 7. Awards will be presented at the Northwest Environmental Summit (Tacoma, Oct. 17-18). Information and forms are at [www.envsummit.com](http://www.envsummit.com).

**Looking Ahead.** I hope that all of you are taking some time out to enjoy the summer. Not to be a spoil-sport, but don’t forget that our calendar of activities picks back up in September. So turn the page and mark Sept. 5 for the Seattle Luncheon, and Sept. 11 for the Portland Summer Mixer (details below). See you soon.

Robert Grott

### NEBC Sponsoring Member Spotlight



Philip Services Corporation (PSC) has been servicing customers in the PNW with their environmental needs for over 35 years. PSC owns two waste treatment facilities in Kent and Tacoma and one of the largest fleets of vacuum trucks, guzzler trucks, roll off boxes and package trucks in the PNW. PSC provides all waste service needs including on site packaging, industrial cleaning, site cleaning up, remediation, lab packing, ER and drum/bulk transportation. In addition to our unmatched service lines, PSC is now offering Compliance Services. Our Compliance Services include, but are not limited to, DOT/RCRA Seminars, on site OSHA compliance, Safety training, EH&S audits and Environmental & Safety Management Systems (ISO 14001 & 18001). For more on our services visit [www.pscnow.com](http://www.pscnow.com).

## NEBC CONFERENCES, TRADE SHOWS & MEETINGS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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**September 5. Luncheon: Climate Change and Carbon Trading. Seattle.** The Pacific Northwest is in the forefront of efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. In addition, a pact among western governors is likely to bring a proposal for carbon allocations and trading. Learn what this could mean for your business and your customers from Dennis McLerran, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and member of Governor Gregoire's Global Warming Task Force, and Stephen Gerritson, former Executive Director of the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium and one of the authors of USEPA's Open Market Trading Rule."

**September 11. Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer. Portland.** Take some time out of your hectic schedule to relax with NEBC Board of Directors, NEBC members, colleagues, and guests for this fun annual event. Savor the views of Mount Hood, the Willamette River and downtown Portland while you sip your favorite beverage and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres.

**October 3. Luncheon: Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in Our Water. Caffeine, Codeine, and Conditioner - Are You Getting Your Daily Dose? Seattle.** The Puget Sound was tested and it was found to have high quantities of caffeine. EDCs and PPCPs exactly what is in our water and what is being done to test, reduce and regulate the flow of EDC and PPCPs into the waterways.

**October 11. Luncheon: High Performance Green Buildings. How Design Firms Can Play In This Rapidly Growing Market. Portland.** Green Building is growing by leaps and bounds as awareness increases and concerns rise about our energy future. Green building involves more than just energy efficiency and materials selection. True high performance buildings result from an integrated design approach that evaluates all factors - from site selection to operations and maintenance. Our speakers will provide an overview of the market and how design firms can contribute to these projects.

**October 17 & 18. Northwest Environmental Summit & Trade Show. Tacoma.** The Summit is a "must attend" for all environmental professionals who need to stay ahead of environmental law, regulation, policy and technology best practices. This conference promises a strong and diverse technical program, a basics track covering fundamentals of environmental management, stimulating discussions on emerging issues and a Trade Show to learn about the newest technologies and services available to help your company become more profitable and effective. Connect with new customers! **Premier Trade Show booths are still available.** Contact [Sue@nebc.org](mailto:Sue@nebc.org) for more information.

**November 14. Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice. Portland.** NEBC is presenting a conference for companies wanting to take steps to manage their carbon footprints. Solicitation for suggestions for conference speakers is occurring now. Check [www.nebc.org](http://www.nebc.org) for the agenda and more information.

**December 6 & 7. Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show. Portland.** The Northwest Environmental Conference (NVEC) is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. NVEC's goal is to provide Northwest businesses, agencies and other organizations with high-quality, low-cost environment training, information, discussion and networking opportunities. The Trade Show is a great marketing opportunity for your company. Put your company in front of environmental professionals and decision makers expected to attend the two day conference. Great booths are still available. Contact [Sue@nebc.org](mailto:Sue@nebc.org).

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## INDUSTRY NEWS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

**August 27-29, U.S. Commercial Service Trade Mission to the Yukon.** The environmental industry is one of the sectors invited to join a U.S. trade mission to Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. The trip (\$900 fee) includes pre-arranged one-on-one meetings with potential business partners. For more information: [www.buyusa.gov/canada/en/yukontrademission2007.html](http://www.buyusa.gov/canada/en/yukontrademission2007.html) or [cheryl.schell@mail.doc.gov](mailto:cheryl.schell@mail.doc.gov).

**August 27-29, Western Regional Biomass Partnership. Portland.** The U.S. Department of Energy and the Sun Grant Western Regional Center will be hosting an invitational workshop for leaders involved in the production and management of biomass and biofuels in Portland at the DoubleTree Hotel, Lloyd Center. Interested parties should contact the Center at [sungrant@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sungrant@oregonstate.edu). Information available at <http://sungrant.oregonstate.edu>

**September 6, 2007. National Brownfield Association, Oregon Chapter, Inaugural Reception. Salem.** A festive evening reception to meet the newly formed Executive Committee of the National Brownfield Association's Oregon Chapter. Mayor of Salem and NBA Oregon Chapter President Janet Taylor will welcome attendees to this free networking event and discuss the chapter vision. For more information, including agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.brownfieldassociation.org>.

**September 13-14, The Business of Biofuels in the Pacific Northwest II. Gresham, OR.** Presented by the Oregon Science & Technology Partnership and the Northwest Biofuels Association, this year's conference is a two day event bringing together biofuels industry members, researchers, policy makers, and interested parties throughout the Northwest. The first day will focus on the environmental and economic sustainability issues surrounding biofuels feedstocks and production processes. The second day will cover recent advances in biofuels production technologies, progress in growing local feedstocks, and an update on state and national legislation designed to promote the Northwest biofuels industry. Information at: [www.nwbiofuels.org](http://www.nwbiofuels.org)

**September 17-19, Seattle. Discover Brilliant International Conference and Expo.** NEBC is one of the supporters of Discover Brilliant, the premiere event focused on the sustainable economy and the convergence of economics, environment and security. A roster of world class thought leaders and market makers are lining up to shed light on the revolution underway that brings more value with less impact to our **Buildings, Businesses, Utilities, Communities, and Transportation**. At Discover Brilliant, you'll meet the right people, hear the critical insights, see the latest solutions, and find the best opportunities in this emerging space - over 100+ innovations featured, 75+ speakers, 45+ sessions, and 3 days of plenary, tracks and summits. Exhibit opportunities are available. The **Sustainability and Climate Strategies Summit** on Day three (separate registration) focuses specifically on the challenges and opportunities as managers of sustainability, assets, regulatory affairs and other leaders build sustainability and climate strategies for their organizations. Topics cover policy issues, internal dynamics, and the innovations and services ready to make a difference. Other Day 3 summits focus on **Renewables+Smart grid, Greening the Highway Initiatives, Economic Development, Brilliant Investors and more**. Full information is at [www.discoverbrilliant.com](http://www.discoverbrilliant.com) (register before August 24 for the best rates and hotel block)

**Special Thanks to all our Sponsoring Members!**

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**September 25 – December 11. Environmental Health & Safety Program.** Mt. Hood Community College. Gresham. Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm at Mt. Hood Community College, Room: 220 Maywood Campus, (NE 102nd and NE Prescott). For registration call Javid Mohtasham, Ph.D., Coordinator, EHS Program, 503-491-7440, E-mail: [javid.mohtasham@mhcc.edu](mailto:javid.mohtasham@mhcc.edu), before September 26, 2006.

**October 10. A Common Path for Success + Sustainability. Portland.** This one-day event will help individuals and leaders of business, government and educational institutions find the path which balances success and sustainability. For 10 years, The Oregon Natural Step Network has helped guide some of the region's most aggressive businesses along a path that preserves the environment and their bottom line. This path also enhances their competitive edge for the future. Learn how they are succeeding. For information and to register go to [www.or-natural-step.org](http://www.or-natural-step.org)

**Selling to the Government.** Do you sell to Federal government agencies? Do you want to? **NEBC** can help. In Oregon we are a contractor with the Government Contract Assistance Program (GCAP). This program guides vendors through the complexity of the government's procurement process, including how to get registered as a

vendor, find opportunities, and market to government agencies. There is also a matching service that continually checks your profile against opportunities from Federal, State, and Local agencies. For more information call Robert or email [robert@nebc.org](mailto:robert@nebc.org). If you are in a state other than Oregon, you can find a local Procurement Technical Assistance Center by going to [www.aptac-us.org](http://www.aptac-us.org) and following the "Find a PTAC" link.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST 4. Toxic Pollutant Assessment Coordinator.** \$3,848 - \$5,631 Monthly. CLOSE: September 3, 2007. LOCATION: Portland, Hillsboro. The Water Quality Monitoring section of DEQ's Laboratory is recruiting to fill a full time position to ensure that water quality standards are met in all streams and lakes in the State of Oregon. Announcement # LE070459. <http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp>

## INTERNSHIP

**Environmental Engineering Students Available For Internships.** Help a student gain professional experience while getting some extra projects done this summer. Environmental Engineering students from Oregon State University need internship opportunities. Real world engineering experience is invaluable to students. The ABET accredited undergraduate Environmental Engineering program is an interdisciplinary degree program with a broad basis in the physical, chemical, and biological sciences in addition to course work in environmental, civil, and chemical engineering. Our undergraduate curriculum includes coursework in: water and wastewater treatment; fate of contaminants in the environment; air pollution; sustainable water resources development. For more information or to publicize an available internship contact Tracy Rothwell, Internship Coordinator, Dept. of Chemical, Biological and Environmental Engineering, Oregon State University. [Tracy.Rothwell@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Tracy.Rothwell@oregonstate.edu)

**The Business Education Compact (BEC)** is an Oregon program placing qualified educators and students in internship positions. They are looking to build links with all types of firms in the environmental industry. The educator program is for the summer months, while the student program is year-round. BEC functions as an employment agency, handling recruiting, qualifying, scheduling interviews, progress monitoring, etc. Hourly rates are based on the skill level involved and include all payroll management. For information, visit [www.bedpdx.org](http://www.bedpdx.org) or call Andrew Witt 503-646-0242 ext 22.

## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

**Associated Technologies Council.** NEBC has partnered with the Associated Technologies Council (ATC) in order to allow you to participate in their employee benefits program. ATC provides employee benefits to companies in Computer Technology, Bioscience, Telecommunications and now Environmental Sciences. Because ATC is able to pool firms together across a wide spectrum of desirable industries, they are able to provide medical benefits up to 20% below what you are probably paying now. In addition, there are benefits available like, paperless enrollment, single invoice billing and COBRA administration all provided at no cost to you. Contact Tino Versoza, NEBC Benefits Representative (503) 626-9135 or email: [tino@get-benefits.com](mailto:tino@get-benefits.com) for a free no obligation benefits analysis.

**Financial Planning Services with Waddell & Reed.** NEBC members receive at 20% discount on financial planning services provided by Waddell & Reed, a national financial planning firm founded in 1937. Planning services include retirement planning, wealth management, tax-efficient investing, education funding, estate protection, and succession planning for closely-held businesses. Other business services include retirement plans and financial education workshops. Contact Karen Einberger, Financial Advisor, Waddell & Reed, 206.283.6661 or [keinberger@wradvisors.com](mailto:keinberger@wradvisors.com).

**Sustainable Industries Journal (SIJ).** The premier magazine for sustainable business news on the West Coast. The NEBC member discount for the Sustainable Industries Journal is better than imagined – it's still a \$10 discount, but the new annual subscription rate is only \$39, that means that NEBC members can receive this new publication for only \$29/year! For more information look to: [www.sijournal.com/prtnr](http://www.sijournal.com/prtnr)

**Oregon Insider.** NEBC members may take advantage of a \$150 introductory rate for the first year (24 issues), a savings of \$95 off their regular base rate. In addition, NEBC members will enjoy an ongoing subscription rate of \$195 per year, which represents an ongoing savings of \$50 per year. To redeem your discount please contact Oregon Insider by calling David Light at 541.343.8504 or by email at [epi@rio.com](mailto:epi@rio.com).

**Northwest Environmental Training Center.** NEBC has partnered with NWETC to offer our member companies an exceptional opportunity to provide continuing education to its employees at a 20% discount off the published rate on all of NWETC's technical training workshops, conferences, and seminars. For more information, visit their website <http://www.nwetc.org/> or contact Erick McWayne at 206-762-1976.

**Environmental Expert.** NEBC has teamed with Environmental Expert, the world's largest online marketplace and information resource serving the environmental industry. At a reduced rate of just \$1,700, NEBC members can become Bronze Sponsors and get a year's worth of cost-effective exposure to a targeted audience of over 400,000 environmental professionals. Additional levels of sponsorship and optional advertising opportunities are also available. [www.environmental-expert.com](http://www.environmental-expert.com) For more information contact Tracy Barton, [tracy@combined-resources.com](mailto:tracy@combined-resources.com).

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## Northwest Environmental Business Council 2007 Events & Meeting Calendar

<b>September</b>			
5	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Climate Change & Carbon Trading	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
11	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Lane Powell – Portland, OR
<b>October</b>			
3	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in Our Water	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA.
11	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Governor Hotel – Portland
11	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: High Performance Green Buildings	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland
17 & 18	Northwest Environmental Summit & Trade Show	All Day	Tacoma Convention Center – Tacoma, WA
<b>November</b>			
7	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Brownfields, Making Redevelopment Work	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
8	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Clean Technology Meets Industry – Policy and Technology Developments	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
14	Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice	All Day	DoubleTree Hotel, Lloyd Center – Portland
<b>December</b>			
5	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR
6 & 7	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR

\*Event dates and topics subject to change.