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- FROM THE DIRECTOR -

Welcome to 2003. The board and staff of NEBC wish you a happy and prosperous coming year. On a recent survey, an NEBC member responded to our question, "What can NEBC do to better serve you?" as follows:

"Improve the local and national economy and prevent us from going to war in Iraq!"

Let me assure you that the staff and board of NEBC are committed to these goals. We work everyday to make the lives of our members better and more productive. It is our modest hope that this work translates into an improved economy and peace on the planet. (The preceding statement was meant as humor...!)

Seriously, we have an exciting calendar of events planned for this year. Please check out the calendar in this issue for details. To kick things off, join us in Seattle on January 15 for our "Tax Defense" luncheon. Jerry Smedes, Smedes and Associates, will provide an overview of NEBC's effort to protect important tax incentives we have worked so hard to get in place. We need your input and help. Come learn what your association is doing on your behalf and how you can get involved for the benefit of your firm.

Finally, please review the announcement regarding the first annual Environmental Industry Summit being held in San Diego in March. This important gathering will focus on our industry and provide great networking opportunities for top executives in our field. NEBC is working on sending representatives and I encourage you to join us. Please contact me with any questions.

We look forward to working with you this year. Peace.

-David W. Welsh

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- GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS -**ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS AT RISK IN STATE BUDGET**

Mark your calendar! The Olympic Chapter invites you to “Environmental Business at Risk in the State Budget” luncheon on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at McCormick & Schmick’s Harborside Seafood Restaurant (see registration flyer under events). The “tax breaks” that are in jeopardy include two that NEBC fought hard to enact, and have provided millions of dollars of benefits to NEBC members – the tax incentives for environmental remediation, and the tax credits for research and development in environmental technology. These tax breaks will expire in the coming biennium unless they are extended by the Legislature. NEBC is working hard to develop support within the administration and the Legislature to extend these important tax programs. NEBC’s lobbyists, Jerry Smedes and Linda Dennis from Smedes & Associates, will describe these programs, and discuss the outlook for retaining important tax benefits, as well as the risk of negative impacts such as increased B&O taxes and sales tax on services. Members are encouraged to attend to learn what NEBC is doing to protect your business interests, and how your company can help to support these efforts.

DEQ PROPOSED LAB EXPANSION

On December 19, 2002 the NEBC Cascade Chapter government affairs committee met with Mary Abrams, OR DEQ Lab Administrator, and Lauri Aunan, OR DEQ Legislative Affairs Administrator, to discuss the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality proposed laboratory expansion. The DEQ has been leasing its lab space since the 1970’s from Portland State University (PSU) on its downtown campus. Due to lease expirations, PSU’s desire to use existing laboratory space, and laboratory growth, the DEQ must move its lab. As a part of that process the agency has conducted a detailed analysis of spatial needs and prepared a business plan to accomplish a move to new space. NEBC hopes to be able to support the agency in its plans to adequately and reasonably expand its lab capacity. We are currently in dialogue with agency regarding this move. As a part of this discussion, NEBC has scheduled a tour of the current DEQ lab facility on Thursday, January 16 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If you are interested in participating in the tour or would like more information on the DEQ lab expansion, please contact Joan Snyder, Chair Government Affairs Committee, Cascade Chapter (503) 294-9657 or your NEBC staff.

- INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION NEWS -

NEBC WORKS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRY LEADERS TO PROMOTE SUMMIT

NEBC is working with the Environmental Business Journal to promote the first annual Environmental Industry Summit 2003, to be held March 19-21, 2003 at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort, in San Diego, California.

Environmental Business International Inc, publisher of Environmental Business Journal, Environmental Information Ltd., publisher of EI Digest, and Chartwell Information, publisher of Solid Waste Digest Invite you to the first annual Environmental Industry Summit 2003 in San Diego, California.

Summit hosts will soon be sending invitations to the Environmental Industry Summit, the environmental industry's top executive retreat. Being held at the prestigious waterfront Coronado Island Marriott Resort, special events include a welcoming dinner on Wednesday, interactive sessions Wednesday-Friday, the Summit Regatta yacht race and the first EBJ Cup golf tournament.

Besides ample opportunity for networking with the 80 senior executives we can accommodate at the Summit, our focused agenda concentrates only on key issues of importance to senior executives. Sessions will be divided into issues of common interest to all companies such as regulations, policy, market drivers, industry advocacy and the investment climate; and break-out sessions specific to industry segments such as consulting & engineering, hazardous waste, solid waste, water/wastewater and air quality.

Participation will be limited - reserve your spot now! Registration fee of \$995 covers all meals and events excluding golf and resort accommodations. Full details on registration and hotel information will be sent in forthcoming Summit Email updates and at <http://environmental-industry.com/ebj/summit2003.html>.

NEBC intends to send a delegation to the summit and we invite you to join us.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE OF WASHINGTON

Mark your calendars! The Environmental Conference of Washington (ECW) will be held June 11 – 12, 2003 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, Washington. This two-day conference and tradeshow is dedicated to improving the environmental performance of Northwest businesses. Tailor the conference to meet your specific needs by selecting topics from three tracks: Policy Roundtable, Advanced Management/Technical and Compliance Basics. For more information on the Environmental Conference of Washington visit the conference website at www.ecwashington.org.

Interested in Exhibiting?

The Environmental Conference of Washington Tradeshow sold out last year. Register for your space today for the 2003 ECW Tradeshow and get first choice on the tradeshow floor. This premier regional event is the perfect opportunity to put your products and services in front of decision makers, product buyers, and regulated industry. You can't afford to miss this event! Call your NEBC staff today and pre-register your booth space, 503.227.6361.

WATERSHED PLANNING WORKSHOP

Recently, Governor Gary Locke discussed a draft report to the legislature on phase 4 implementation of watershed plans. In his speech, Governor Locke stressed the importance of watershed planning to the development and operation of capital water projects throughout the state. A key recommendation of the report is the amendment of the watershed planning act.

On January 22, 2003, Spokane will host a complimentary watershed planning workshop. The theme of that workshop is legislative approaches to integrating watershed planning and other regional planning efforts--such as salmon recovery and sub-basin planning. Speakers include Slade Gorton (former U.S. Senator), Will Stelle (former regional director of the National Marine Fisheries Service), Tony Grover (member of the Northwest Power Planning Council), and Jim Waldo (the Governor's water advisor). For more information and to register please contact Sue Wotring at 509.624.2100 or via email at swotring@prestongates.com. Space is limited.

HOMELAND SECURITY MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES TO BE TESTED, VENDORS INVITED

The ETV Advanced Monitoring Systems Center, operated by Battelle, is interested in receiving information from vendors of technologies with monitoring capabilities that could support homeland security needs, i.e., air and water technologies that can detect biological and chemical agents such as anthrax, explosives, or cyanide. For further information, contact Ryan James, Battelle, at (614) 424-7954 or jamesr@battelle.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS JOURNAL COMPLETE ANNUAL OVERVIEW COLLECTION

Have you always wanted a reference tool that you can look up for quick industry information? Now you can get all 12 EBJ Annual Industry Overview Issues in ONE complete package! A great reference tool, this handsomely bound archive features EBJ's exclusive annual industry overview for every year from 1990 to 2002. Twelve issues and 250 pages in all!

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CHINA OPPORTUNITIES FOR WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES

On January 22, The Washington State China Relations Council, the Washington State Office of Trade and Economic Development, and the U.S. Export Assistance Center will host a delegation of China's leading environmental decision-makers. The morning session will feature presentations by the Chinese delegation on new hazardous waste treatment projects. The afternoon will be reserved for selected area companies to give presentations on their products and technologies in the hazardous waste treatment field. There will be a 2.5-hour break between the session for lunch and individual contact making. At this point, the venue is undetermined. There will be a \$35 charge for this event. For the afternoon session, we are seeking 4 to 5 Washington State Companies specializing in advanced technologies and products, providing solutions for hospital/medical waste; florescent light disposal; and resource recycling and recovery. For more information, please contact Tong Zhu, International Trade Division, Office of Trade and Economic Development (OTED) at 206.256.6132 or via email at tongz@cted.wa.gov.

- MEMBER TO MEMBER -

NEW MEMBER FOCUSES ON ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND RIVER SYSTEMS

Environmental consultant Applied Ecosystem Services, Inc. offers services in the management of environmental risk to all industries and commercial developers. For the past decade Applied Ecosystem Services, Inc. has provided successful permitting, operational compliance and reclamation guidance to the natural resource industries. For more information or for a complete copy of the press release, please contact Dr. Shepard at 503.667.4517 or via email at rshepard@appl-ecosys.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOMOLECULAR SYSTEMS

On January 1, 2003 The Department of Environmental Science and Engineering at the OGI School of Science and Engineering at OHSU will become The Department of Environmental and Biomolecular Systems at the School of Science and Engineering at OHSU. Thus, winter quarter 2003, will be the final quarter of the separate Environmental Science and Engineering Friday Seminar Series. Starting spring quarter 2003, the ESE Friday Seminar will join with the Biomolecular and Microbiology seminar to form the Environmental and Biomolecular Systems seminar series. If you have any questions, please call 503.748.1196 or email info@ese.ogi.edu. For a listing of seminars, please visit <http://ese.ogi.edu/seminars/>.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON NORTHWEST CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSES

Inhalation Toxicology & Environmental Challenges - Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety will be held February 20, 2003, Seattle, WA. This course will review the basic physiology of the lung, including physics of particle inhalation, which has important implications from soot to anthrax. Common diseases, such as childhood asthma and cancer that can result from air pollution will be examined. Common and uncommon workplace hazards will be considered along with remedial actions.

Disaster Management: Planning, Response, and Recovery - Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety will be held February 28, 2003, Seattle, WA. Disasters can occur without warning and include natural (earthquakes and floods) and man-made events. Are you and your organization ready for a disaster at your workplace or in your community? This workshop will provide you with tools and resources to prepare and evaluate a disaster plan, to respond in the event of a disaster, and to recover in a timely fashion.

Mold: The Next Asbestos? will be held March 11, 2003, Seattle, WA. Exposure to mold spores has become a cause célèbre in the media. What is the true hazard? This course reviews issues on mold toxicology and health risks, specifics on conducting site investigations, and strategies to prevent and remediate exposure.

Clear Writing for Safety and Health Professionals will be held March 25-26, 2003, Seattle, WA. Working in small group, participants will gain experience in writing and editing polished e-mails, memos, and reports, to a variety of audiences, including government agencies, management, workers, and safety and health professionals.

Risk Communication: Going Beyond "Right to Know" to "Right to Understand" will be held April 3, 2003, Seattle, WA. For those new to the field and experienced risk communicators, this course will discuss appropriate use of risk information and how to overcome the challenges associated with various types of risk information to diverse audiences.

For more information, call 206-543-1069, visit <http://depts.washington.edu/ehce>, or email ce@u.washington.edu. Professional credit available.

PRINCIPLES OF TOXICOLOGY AND RISK ASSESSMENT

For the 5th year, Principle of Toxicology and Risk Assessment (ESE 570) is offered in the Department of Environmental and Biomolecular Systems (EBS) at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). The course goals are to develop an understanding of toxicological principles and their application to human and ecological risk assessments as they pertain to environmental cleanup. The course will be offered Wednesday, 6 – 9 PM, January 8 to March 12, 2003. For more information, please contact Patty Toccalino at 503.748.1083 or via email at toccalino@ese.ogi.edu. To register, visit <http://www.ogi.edu/forms/regform.html> or call 503.748.1382.

NWETC ANNOUNCES NEW WORKSHOPS

Environmental Regulations within Washington State - An Overview of the Federal and State Regulatory Statutes Affecting Washington will be held on February 4 and 5, 2003, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mountaineers Conference Center, 300 Third Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119. This two-day course is a carefully integrated set of modules intended to develop the knowledge and skills that environmental professionals need to serve as environmental leaders for their organizations. Participants will better understand today's key environmental compliance issues, how to anticipate problems, and plan for compliance. This course provides an overview of a broad range of federal and state environmental regulations, jurisdictions, regulatory compliance, and enforcement.

ARCVIEW 8.1 - ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS OF GIS (GIS-403) will be held on February 25 - 27, 2003, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. (3 Days), Allied Business Systems, PC Classroom, 10604 38th Place, Suite 118, Kirkland, Washington. This 3-day hands on class will introduce participants to the environmental applications of ESRI's ArcView 8.1 software. Beginning with a discussion of general concepts and vocabulary, the course will move into teaching basic ArcView functionality. Each participant will have their own computer workstation to create, edit, display and analyze real world environmental data during numerous hands on exercises. On the third day, participants will be given an opportunity to become more proficient with their skills by applying their knowledge to more complex and in depth projects.

For more information, please contact Erick McWayne, Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Training Center at 206.762.1976 or visit www.nwetc.org

CASCADE EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION ADDS HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANT

Cascade Employers Association is pleased to welcome Gayle Caldarazzo to its professional team as Human Resource Consultant. Gayle brings a varied background and experience in employee relations and marketing, most recently with Whitnell Dodge, one of the nation's top auto dealerships. Her experience helping employers develop and manage and outstanding workforce through better customer service, team development, and streamline employment processes will be extended to Cascade's 500-plus employer members. Gayle can be reached at 503.585.43220.



Northwest Environmental Business Council
Olympic Chapter

Presents

“Environmental Businesses at Risk in State Budget”

Speaker: Jerry Smedes, Smedes & Associates

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Wednesday, January 15, 2003
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

McCormick & Schmick's Harborside Seafood Restaurant
1200 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, WA

\$30.00 each for NEBC Members & Guests
\$45.00 each for Non-NEBC Members

Menu Selections

Meat Entrée: Seared Duck Breast with Reduced Port, Vanilla Bean, & Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Veggie Entrée: Roasted Vegetable Cannelloni with Ricotta Cheese, Béchamel & Marinara Sauce

Pre-registration Recommended, timely meal not guaranteed without reservation. Cancellations accepted until 12:00 PM, January 10, after which no-shows will be charged.

For more information contact NEBC at (888) 609-NEBC or visit our website at www.nebc.org. To attend, fax completed form with payment to (503) 222-5050 - OR - checks can be mailed with this form to: NEBC, PO Box 672, Portland, OR 97207.

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Attendees (please circle entrée selection, see menu above):

Entrée Selection: Meat / Veggie

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- NEBC 2002 EVENT CALENDAR -

January			
15	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC of Washington – Seattle, WA
15	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Environmental Business at Risk in State Budget	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
31	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	CH2M Hill – Portland, OR
February			
TBD	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Legislative Update	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	5 th Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
11 – 12	Board of Directors Conference	TBD	The Davenport Hotel – Spokane, WA
TBD	Olympic Chapter Day on the Hill	TBD	TBD – Olympia, WA
TBD	Rocky Mountain Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	TBD	TBD
March			
5	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC of Washington – Seattle, WA
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
April			
2	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
3	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	5 th Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
23	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	TBD
TBD	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	TBD – Portland, OR
May			
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
TBD	Olympic Chapter Mariners Night	TBD	Safeco Field – Seattle, WA
June			
10	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Washington State Convention & Trade Center – Seattle, WA
11 – 12	Environmental Conference of Washington	All Day	Washington State Convention & Trade Center – Seattle, WA
11	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	Washington State Convention & Trade Center – Seattle, WA
26	Cascade Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 Shot Gun Start	Langdon Farms – Aurora, OR
July			
TBD	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC of Washington – Seattle, WA
TBD	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	TBD	Hart Crowser – Seattle, WA
TBD	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	TBD	TBD – Portland, OR
September			
3	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC of Washington – Seattle, WA
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
26	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	TBD
TBD	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	TBD – Portland, OR
TBD	Olympic Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 Shot Gun Start	Harbour Point – Mukilteo, WA
October			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
2	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	5 th Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
November			
5	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC of Washington – Seattle, WA
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
17	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
18	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
18 – 19	Northwest Environmental Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
TBD	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	TBD – Portland, OR

*Event dates and topics are subject to change

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