



E-News

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A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

- FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER -

It's July and time for the NEBC Rooftop Mixer! This is one of the best parties we have all year. Sunshine, a great view of Lake Union, fantastic food and of course great company. This is a great opportunity to see friends in the industry and network. You don't want to miss it. (Registration flyer below) This year it is a little bitter sweet as we will take a few minutes to say good-bye to David and wish him the very best as he moves his family to Arizona. David has been with NEBC for almost 11 years and will be missed.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Cascade Golf Tournament on July 22nd. This is a non-golfer friendly event so bring your clients, employees and friends. There is still time and room to register. (Registration flyer below)

- Cara

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Hart Crowser's staff of more than 150 serves both public and private industry, providing environmental and geotechnical

engineering as well as natural resources consulting services. We support development and redevelopment, ecological restoration, mine reclamation, hazardous waste cleanup, and regulatory compliance projects. The firm opened its doors 30 years ago in Seattle and has since added fully staffed regional offices in Alaska, Oregon, and Colorado. Join us at the Rooftop Mixer on July 15th.

NEW MEMBERS

Rexius Environmental Services
S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc.
Water Supply Group LLC

RENEWING MEMBERS

Brooks Rand
Coles Environmental Consulting
EcoLights Northwest / Total Reclaim
Neilson Research Corp.
OHSU's OGI Department of Environmental & Biomolecular Systems
The Environmental Company Inc.
Waste Management

- GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS -

NEBC MOVES TO IMPLEMENT LEGISLATION WITH PORT OF SEATTLE

During the 2004 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed a law that allows port districts to receive financial compensation for performing consulting services. NEBC raised concerns about the bill as it was originally drafted. We later supported the amended bill that limited the scope of port's authority and assured that the ports would not be competing with the private business sector. The measure was promoted by the Port of Seattle, which receives many requests from foreign governments and other U.S. port district districts for advice on various port operations issues. They believe that these contacts can lead to opportunities for local environmental and engineering firms to obtain contracts with these other governments.

The amendments to this legislation limited the ports to providing "advisory" consulting services to other public agencies and governments, and required them to maintain an open roster of Washington firms interested in bidding on opportunities generated through this program. The Port of Seattle has been working to determine how to develop and maintain an ongoing relationship with the consulting companies for this purpose. In June, NEBC representatives Jerry Smedes of Smedes and Associates, and Skip Allred of AMEC Earth and Environmental, met with representatives of the Port and the ACEC (American Council of Engineering Companies) at the Port's offices. This initial discussion focused on the scope of potential consulting services the Port may become involved in, and how to set up a process of involving consulting firms. NEBC will continue to coordinate with the Port as it develops its internal procedures and evaluates potential projects that result from its worldwide contacts.

This is an excellent example of how NEBC can benefit member companies by developing partnerships with other organizations. As the ports pursue contacts with other ports and governments, they can proceed without competing with the private sector. Instead, our continued involvement will have the potential to open doors for new business opportunities and partnerships in other regions. Please contact the NEBC office if your company wants to be more directly involved in this process.

WASHINGTON LOOKS AT PERMIT "STREAMLINING"

By Jerry Smedes, Smedes & Associates

In the past several years, the Washington Legislature has looked at a number of measures designed to "streamline" permit processes. These have ranged from simple procedural efficiencies to broad overhauls of permit requirements. One version even called for the creation of a University-based "think tank" that would determine its own budget, create simplified permit processes and use graduate students to develop watershed mitigation strategies. NEBC has consistently supported reasonable measures that would improve the efficiency and coordination of permit processes, but opposed approaches that would undermine the intent of environmental regulations.

This year, the Legislature passed a Resolution (SSCR 8418) to establish a Joint Legislative Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the permit processes of local governments under the Growth Management Act. It also created an Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Task Force. The Advisory Committee includes representatives of several state agencies, business, labor, environmental organizations, ports and tribes. Sen. Joyce Mulliken (R-Ephrata), Chair of the Task Force, expanded the group by appointing Dr. Jerry Smedes to represent the environmental consulting companies.

At the first meeting of the combined group on June 29, the Task Force agreed that it would consider a broader range of issues related to permit processes, and develop initial recommendations to be presented to the Legislature in 2005. The Advisory Committee provided a wide range of suggestions for consideration by the Task Force. These issues will be evaluated further over the summer and fall, and an interim report prepared by December 2004. It is too early to tell how this effort will play out, but it is important that NEBC members have input to the process. Please contact Jerry Smedes at (425) 485-0433 if you would like to review and comment on interim work products of the Task Force.

- INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION NEWS -

VOLUNTARY DENTAL! DUAL CHOICE DENTAL! NEBC MEMBERS HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION!

Voluntary products continue to increase in popularity as employers look for ways to save money. The problem is that these benefits either cost too much or have such a low level of benefits, that most people do not find value in purchasing them. Many times there are strings attached to offering the benefit, like minimum participation requirements or long waiting periods.

NEBC members have two very unique dental benefit packages available. Both of these plans feature no waiting periods. Additionally, some of the dental benefits can be offered on a voluntary basis, or allow each employee to choose the dental plan that best meets their needs. We even have a plan with orthodontia coverage included. These benefits are available to employers in Oregon & Washington. Call our benefits representative today for more information! Tino Versoza (800) 627-5345.

NEW REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORT 718: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & ENGINEERING OVERVIEW OF MARKETS AND COMPETITION

If your business could benefit from in-depth insight and perspective into the US environmental consulting & engineering industry, you should be reading EBI Report 718. EBJ's new 700-page 2004 edition is the most thorough and comprehensive source of strategic intelligence of the C&E industry. Designed for the strategic planning department, EBI Report 718 is a valuable reference that also supports in allocating marketing budgets, designing new customer initiatives, M&A searches and benchmarking exercises.

- Segmentation of the markets for C&E services by client type, environmental media, service type, geographic region and C&E firm size, as well as growth projections for all of these markets.

- Analysis and profiles in key growth niches including redevelopment, contract operations, natural resources, global markets and strategic environmental management.

- List of top 200 companies in environmental consulting & engineering and rankings by all major media and service categories.

- Directory and profiles of the top C&E firms where you find individual companies' contact information as well as information on clients, services and media.

To view the table of contents and order online, visit
<http://echo.bluehornet.com/ct/ct.php?t=591901&c=330283286&m=m&type=3>

PROFITABLE SUSTAINABILITY: THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS

The 6th Annual Profitable Sustainability Conference will be held September 26 – 29, 2004 at the Westin Hotel in Seattle, WA. A working conference featuring: CEOs charting new paths to profitability; Smart Technologies; Innovative Strategies; New Business Models; Solutions to everyday challenges and obstacles. Our unique conference format provides opportunities to engage with big picture issues while following an individualized program of strategic learning and networking.

- Plenaries and Forums on key topics of sustainable business.
- Workshops and Learning Centers providing concrete tools.
- Exhibits and case studies by world class companies.
- Collaboration and alliance-building across sectors.

The Network for Business Innovation and Sustainability/NW supports business, higher education, nonprofit and government organizations in creating prosperous economies, communities and a healthy environment.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.nbis.org/>

RFQ: ON-CALL CONSULTING SERVICES

The City of Tacoma, Environmental Services, Science & Engineering Division just advertised a Request for Qualifications for On-Call Consulting Services. There will be seven (7) consultant services categories. The categories are listed below:

- Category 1: Wastewater Collection System
- Category 2: Wastewater Facilities
- Category 3: Surface Water Collection System
- Category 4: Environmental Services
- Category 5: Permit Services
- Category 6: Architectural & Structural Services
- Category 7: Solid Waste Services

To obtain the RFQ package please fax your request to the City's Purchasing Department at 253-502-8372 and a copy will be mailed to you. The RFQ package will not be available on the web for downloading. A copy of the RFQ will not be sent to you without your request. Statement of Qualifications are due on July 27, 2004.

CALL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ARTICLES

NEBC is an advocate for the use of sound science in all policy making. NEBC acts as a regional source of environmental expertise and science for local, state, and federal agencies, policy makers and the public. To that end the NEBC Board of Directors has established a working group to coordinate the collection of issues of interest to membership. The goal is to eventually maintain a collection of sources, including websites, organizations, and/or journals, that could benefit the professional development of NEBC members. The board is currently seeking input from members on which issues are of interest and a list of where individuals are looking for resources related to those topics. Please submit ideas to cara@nebc.org or via fax at 503.222.5050.

- MEMBER-TO-MEMBER -

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SITE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION PROJECT ENGINEER/GEOLOGIS - ERM, a worldwide leader in environmental consulting is seeking a site investigation and remediation project engineer/geologist with 2 to 5 years experience to work in ERM's Portland, Oregon office. Project assignments include innovative remedial actions throughout the Portland area. Bachelor's degree in civil engineering, geology or geological engineering required, master's degree a plus. Progress toward professional registration required. Applicant should have a minimum of 2 years experience in the field and be competent with typical field investigation and environmental sampling methods. Experience in the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of environmental remediation systems a plus. Strong technical writing and verbal communication skills required. How to Apply: Please send resumes to ermw_jobs@erm.com. Include job code: OR 001-04 in the subject line of your email.

Environmental Manager - Minimum of ten years experience to oversee the management of a growing environmental consulting firm in Spokane, WA. Strong leadership skills, technical writing and editing skills, demonstrated marketing ability, and experience within the environmental industry desired. CIH, CSP, PE or professional registration a plus. Competitive compensation and benefits package provided. Submit resume and letter of interest to Personnel Department; MCS Environmental Inc., 5562 Alloy South, Missoula, MT 59808.

EDUCATION

RIPARIAN AREA MANAGEMENT: ASSESSING PROPER FUNCTIONING CONDITIONS OF RIVERINE SYSTEMS, Course No. BIO-301, hosted by the Northwest Environmental Education Council will be held July 14 - 15, 2004, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (2 Days) at the Mountaineers Conference Center, Pinnacle Room located at 300 Third Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119. Course Description: For fish habitat, NOAA Fisheries (formerly known as NMFS) uses the concept of Proper Functioning Condition (PFC). Properly functioning habitat is habitat that provides for the biological requirements of the fish. PFC is defined in terms of the natural processes and functions that lead to habitat conditions that will meet the biological requirements of the fish. NOAA Fisheries offers 4(d) limits only for those programs or activities that will not impair properly functioning habitat, appreciably reduce the functioning of already impaired habitat, or will not retard the long-term progress of impaired habitat toward becoming properly functioning. Proper functioning condition assessment is a qualitative method for assessing the condition of riparian areas. The term PFC is used to describe both the assessment process, and a defined, on-the-ground condition of a riparian area. The PFC assessment refers to a consistent approach for considering hydrology, vegetation, and erosion/deposition attributes and processes to assess the condition of riparian systems. A checklist is used for the PFC assessment which synthesizes information that is foundational to determining the overall health of a riparian system. The PFC classification refers to how well the physical processes are functioning. PFC is a state of resiliency that will allow a riparian area to hold together during high-flow events. This resiliency allows an area to provide ecological values, such as fish habitat, neotropical bird habitat, and forage, over time. Riparian areas that are not functioning properly cannot sustain these values. PFC assessments are used to determine the physical health of a riverine system, prioritize habitat restoration projects, and establish baselines for compliance with the Endangered Species Act. This two day course includes one day of learning in the classroom and one day assessing proper functioning conditions in the field. For more information and to register call 206.762.1976.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABILITY, FALL 2004
“Building Human Capacity for Implementing Best Practices” This integrated program provides university- level training in the concepts and tools needed to begin or enhance a sustainability program in your business, agency, or organization. The courses feature the application of key concepts and methods to your workplace. The courses are taught by practicing experts, experienced trainers, and university faculty. As part of the certificate, students develop a proposal for a sustainability-related project that will improve your organization’s economic, social and environmental “triple bottom line.” To register, go to www.sustain.pdx.edu/register.php



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Invite you to the

11th Annual Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer

Join fellow NEBC Board of Directors, NEBC members, colleagues, and guests for this annual event overlooking Lake Union. Meet new members and network with potential partners. We also take a few minutes to say our goodbyes and wish David the very best as he moves his family to Arizona. David has been with NEBC for almost 11 years and will be missed.

Thursday, July 15, 2004

5:30 - 7:30 PM

HartCrowser

**1910 Fairview Ave. East
Seattle, WA 98102**

\$30.00 each for NEBC Members & Guests

\$45.00 each for Non-NEBC Members

Semi-hosted Bar and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Buffet

Pre-registration is recommended. Space is limited - register today.

Cancellations accepted until 12:00 PM, July 12, after which no-shows will be charged.

Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors!



For more information contact NEBC at 888.609.NEBC or visit our website at www.nebc.org.

To attend, fax completed form to 503.222.5050 or mail with payment to NEBC, P.O. Box 672, Portland, OR 97207.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Payment Type: Check Visa MasterCard Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date: ___ / ___

Signature: _____

Northwest Environmental Business Council & Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association Golf Tournament & Barbeque

Thursday, July 22, 2004
Langdon Farms Golf Course
24377 NE Airport Road - Aurora, OR
7:30 AM Shotgun Start, Scramble Format



This event will be non-golfer fun and friendly!
Bring your clients, employees, and friends.

Fill out and return with payment to NEBC, P.O. Box 672, Portland, OR 97207
or fax to 503.222.5050.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company Name: _____

Names of Golfers: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

___ Individual Golfers x \$135 = _____

___ Hole Sponsorship \$250 = _____

___ Drink Cart Sponsor \$500 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Payment Method: Check Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. ___ / ___

Signature: _____

Benefits for Golf Tournament Sponsors

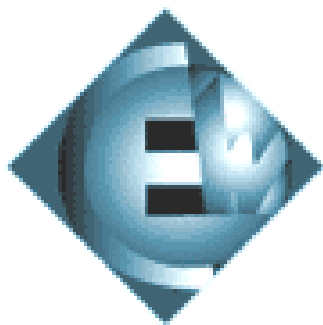
- The first six (6) hole sponsors will be assigned contest holes
- Recognition of company and the opportunity to distribute and/or present company materials during event
- Recognition of sponsors through signage at selected hole and in golf carts
- Company name and logo on all promotional materials distributed
- Access to attendee registration list and membership list for event promotional and recognition purposes

Sponsorships **do not** include golf. Contact your NEBC staff for more information at 503.227.6361.

Cancellations not received at least 48 hours in advanced will be charged.

Environmental Conference of Washington

The forum for current and emerging environmental management and policy issues
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
October 19 & 20, 2004



The Environmental Conference of Washington is part of the Association of Washington Business' (AWB) ongoing effort to keep companies informed of the numerous environmental laws, regulations and policy issues. Serving as Washington's states chamber of commerce, AWB has offered cost-effective, practical and timely information on environmental issues for over 11 years. AWB has partnered with the Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC) to bring you the most comprehensive forum in Washington

for in depth discussion of environmental policy, technical and regulatory issues. The conference is organized into three tracks so that you can tailor the program to meet your needs.

Interested in Exhibiting?

Reserve your booth on the tradeshow floor of this premier event now! Space is limited and the trade show has sold out the last two years in a row. The tradeshow showcases companies offering advanced environmental technologies and services. This is a great opportunity for you to bring your latest innovations and service offerings in front of decision-makers, product buyers and the regulated community. For more information, please call Cara Bergeson at 503.227.6361 or email at cara@nebc.org.

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Northwest Environmental Conference

A Forum for Practical Environmental Management



The Northwest Environmental Conference (NWEC) is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. NWEC's goal is to provide low-cost environmental management training to a broad range of environmental professionals.

The 2004 Conference continues more than 16 years of tradition of providing a forum to Help environmental professionals in the Pacific Northwest achieve environmental Excellence. The conference includes:

- NWEC tradeshow presented by the NEBC
- A pre-conference HAZWOPER training opportunity
- Table Talks - open discussions on hot environmental topics over breakfast

This year's conference will feature more interactive sessions, case studies, roundtable discussions facilitated breakfast table topic discussions, and plenty of networking opportunities. The conference sessions are divided into four tracks that address the needs of a diverse audience:

Tracks:

Environmental 101 – provides basic information to help businesses operate within compliance guidelines

Advanced Technical – provides practical advice on the latest technologies and techniques to improve environmental performance

Advanced Leadership and Management – highlights leading innovations in environmental management and ideas for operating “beyond compliance”

Roundtable – offers stimulating discussions on hot environmental topics

November 16 & 17, 2004

DoubleTree Jantzen Beach Hotel
Portland, Oregon

Presented by:

Associated Oregon Industries

Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality

Washington Department
of Ecology

Northwest Environmental
Business Council

www.nwec.org

Online registration coming soon.

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Download the exhibitor application/contract at

<http://www.nwec.org/announce/NWECExhibitorApplicationContract.pdf>

- NEBC 2004 EVENTS CALENDAR -

July			
15	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Hart Crowser – Seattle, WA
22	Cascade Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Langdon Farms Golf Course – Aurora, OR
September			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
9	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Lane Powell Spears Lubersky – Portland, OR
October			
7	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
19 -20	Environmental Conference of Washington	All Day	Washington State Convention & Trade Center – Seattle, WA
November			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
16 - 17	Northwest Environmental Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR

***Events are subject change.**

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