



- FROM THE PRESIDENT -

In April I attended the Washington – British Columbia Sustainability Industries Summit and gained learned more about sustainability issues and opportunities with British Columbia. The presentations are available online at http://www.cted.wa.gov/portal/alias__CTED/lang__en/tabID__654/DesktopDefault.aspx. The Puget Sound Resource Council's Environmental & Alternative Energy Cluster Working Group continues to be a phenomenal success and well worth NEBC's time commitment. I encourage each of you to participate in this working group as a great networking opportunity and to help guide strategy.

We continue to be involved with Clover Park Technical College and as part of their advisory committee. This committee helps the program stay focused on training that will benefit employers in the area. It would gives us an opportunity to help guide market needs...making the graduates more marketable to our industry.

Thank you to each and every NEBC volunteer for your time and commitment. Volunteers are still needed; please talk to Cara if you would like to participate.

Sincerely,

Judy Lurvey
Med-Tox Northwest

- FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER -

Mark your calendar! NEBC's Annual Golf Tournament and Barbeque have been set. You can join us June 23rd at Harbour Point Golf Club in Mukilteo, Washington and July 21st at Langdon Farms Golf Course in Aurora, Oregon. (Event flyers are below under *Events*) This is a great opportunity to bring your clients, employees, and friends for a great morning of networking and fun. There are still hole sponsorships available.

The Northwest Environmental Summit will be held October 19 & 20, 2005 at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center in Tacoma. Once again, NEBC and the Association of Washington Business strive to bring you the best and most updated information available. The conference is organized into two tracks, Technical and Policy Roundtable, so attendees can tailor the program to meet there needs. The trade show will showcase 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. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact NEBC at 503.227.6361 or visit our website at www.nebc.org for more information and the exhibitor application. Space is limited, so sign up today. You can learn more about the Northwest Environmental Summit by visiting the conference website at www.ecwashington.org.

The Northwest Environmental Conference (NVEC) will be held December 8th & 9th in Portland. The steering committee is meeting this month to determine the conference agenda. The trade show is almost 50% sold. If you are interested in exhibiting contact NEBC staff at 503.227.6361 or cara@nebc.org.

NEBC is partnering with Oregon Economic & Community Development Department and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to bring you the 2005 Oregon Brownfields Conference: Putting Brownfields Back to Work! Participate in sessions on managing liability, public involvement, environmental assessments and cleanup techniques, federal, state and not traditional assistance and resource programs, and much more. There are a few sponsorship opportunities still available. Please visit www.nebc.org for more information and registration.

Sincerely,

Cara S. Bergeson
NEBC Program Manager

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- GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS -

WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

By Jerry Smedes and Linda Dennis, Smedes & Associates

As we write this article, there are still a number of uncertainties regarding the state and the actions of the Washington State Legislature. While Governor Gregoire is well into her first year in office, the courts are prepared to review the validity of the 2004 election. With both political parties actively gearing up to either maintain or take the Governor's office, the day-to-day atmosphere of committee activities and floor debate often slipped into a partisan mood.

The Democratic majority took some bold steps to address the budget shortfall in Washington. They elected to not increase taxes on the business community, increase property taxes, or seek a return to the sales tax on food. NEBC and others opposed these kinds of tax increases, especially any action that could impede the recovery and growth of our state economy. One controversial outcome of the budget process was the decision to pass SB 6078. This bill revised Initiative 601 by eliminating the requirement for a super-majority to increase taxes. The legislature included an emergency clause in this measure, assuring that the act would take effect immediately. A number of groups, including the Washington Grange and BIAW, have joined forces to challenge this measure in court, and various legal scholars have stepped forward on both sides of the issue. If the courts rule against the legislative action, then the state budget is in question.

Various versions of the budget included transfers of funds from dedicated accounts to meet the budget shortfall. One target was the Model Toxics Control Account. This industry-financed account was created to address remedial activity in Washington. Some budget proposals would have transferred millions of dollars from the Toxics Account to the general fund, diverting them from cleanup. This threatened to create a precedent that was opposed by industry, environmental groups, local government and the ports. During floor debate on the House budget, these cleanup funds were restored. In fact, the final conference committee version of the budget contains 60 million dollars for remedial activity, a record high amount for remedial grants for the Washington Department of Ecology. However, funding for Coordinated Prevention Grants within the agency took a significant hit in the final version of the budget. The Department of Ecology will have to weigh how to meet the needs of counties that use these funds for many waste-related planning, education and program costs.

As we move into the "interim" period between legislative sessions, NEBC will continue to follow the legislative activities. We will be actively working with key legislative chair people and leadership to help educate them on brownfield remediation programs and what they mean for future economic development opportunities in the state. This issue has long-term consequences for economic development and environmental restoration in Washington. However, it will require a focused educational effort for legislators to understand the importance of cleanup, and explore ways to encourage more independent cleanup efforts.

Other highlights of the Session for environmental companies include:

- *Proposal to require licensing for soil scientists was defeated. The proponents did not demonstrate a need for this measure, and there were too many questions about who would be required to have this license, and what kind of work would be included. A refined proposal may be submitted next year.*
- *The Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation was moved from CTED to a separate State Department. The Director, who is also the State Historic Preservation Officer, is appointed by the Governor (Bill is pending action by the Governor).*
- *The Washington Academy of Sciences was created to provide scientific analysis and recommendations for the Governor or the Legislature. The organization committee is to be comprised of representatives of appropriate disciplines of academic, private, governmental, and research sectors (Bill is pending action by Governor).*
- *Various bills to reduce or streamline permit processes failed to pass the Legislature.*
- *Passed a measure requiring high performance green building standards in public construction projects.*

NEBC members can contact Jerry Smedes at (425) 485-0433, or e-mail at jsmedes@juno.com for further information on any legislative issues.

- INDUSTRY NEWS -

OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Globe 2006. From March 29th to 31st, 2006, business leaders, policy makers, and solutions providers from around the world will come together at GLOBE 2006 to discuss the most recent developments in the business of the environment and find innovative solutions to global environmental challenges. At the GLOBE 2006 Trade Fair, more than 400 exhibitors from North America, Europe and Asia are expected to display a broad range of environmental and energy technologies, services and solutions to 10,000 participants from around the world. The GLOBE 2006 Trade Fair will also highlight innovations in critical and emerging sub-sectors, including two exciting showcases that will feature the most recent advances in Transportation Technologies and Sustainable Construction. For further details, please contact: Zahida Kanani, Registration Manager, (604) 775-8031 or by email at Zahida.Kanani@globe.ca or visit the website at www.globe2006.com

- MEMBER-TO-MEMBER -

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Financial Planning Services with Waddell & Reed. NEBC members receive at 20% discount on financial planning services provided by Financial Advisors of 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.

Sustainable Industries Journal (SIJ). 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: <http://www.sijournal.com/>

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.

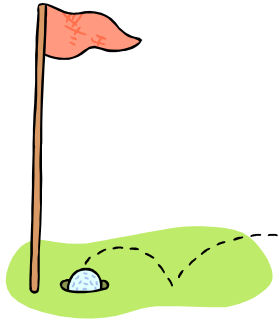
Northwest Environmental Training Center. NEBC has partnered with NWETC to offer our member companies an exceptional opportunity to provide continuing education to its employees at a 20% discount off the published rate on all of NWETC's technical training workshops, conferences, and seminars. For more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

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 for a free no obligation benefits analysis.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

National consulting firm is looking for a strategic level solid waste person. Experience in the following is desired; landfill design, permitting, soil investigation, NEPA, solid waste transfer station. Person should have experience in local markets-Portland/Oregon.Similiar position available in CA as well. For more information on the position, please call Joey McJunkin at 303-346-1164, or email to joeymcjunkin@pecservices.com

NEBC Olympic Chapter 12th Annual Golf Tournament & Barbeque



Thursday, June 23, 2005

Harbour Pointe Golf Club

11817 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA

(Directions are available by calling the golf course at 425.347.2200)

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble Format

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m.

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

For more information contact NEBC at 503-227-6361 or visit our website at www.nebc.org. To attend, fax (503-222-5050) or mail completed form with payment information. Form and checks can be mailed to: NEBC, PO Box 672, Portland, OR 97207.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company Name: _____

Names of Golfers: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

___ Individual Golfers x \$140 = _____

___ 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 during event and the opportunity to distribute and/or present company materials at the 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.

Please Note: NEBC is a 501(c)(6), therefore contributions are not deductible as charitable, however, they may be taken as standard business expenses.

NEBC Cascade Chapter 7th Annual Golf Tournament & Barbeque



Thursday, July 21, 2005

Langdon Farms Golf Course

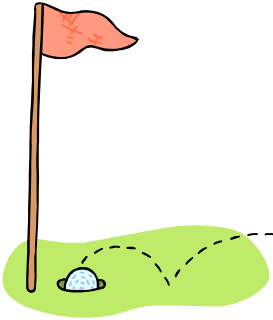
24377 NE Airport Road – Aurora, Oregon

(Directions are available by calling the golf course at 503.678.4653)

7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble Format

Registration will start at 7:00 a.m.

This event will be non-golfer fun and friendly!
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- NEBC 2005 EVENTS CALENDAR -

* Topics and dates are subject to change.

June			
9	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
9	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Surface Water TMDLs	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
23	Olympic Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harbour Pointe Golf Club – Mukilteo, WA
July			
14	Board of Directors Meeting	12:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Hart Crowser – Seattle, WA
14	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Hart Crowser – Seattle, WA
21	Cascade Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Langdon Farms Golf Course – Aurora, OR
August			
23 & 24	Oregon Brownfield Conference	All Day	Hilton – Portland, OR
25 & 26	EPA Real Estate Transactions Workshop	All Day	Hilton - Portland
September			
7	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
8	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	Lane Powell – Portland, OR
8	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Lane Powell – Portland, OR
October			
13	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
13	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
19 & 20	Northwest Environmental Summit & Trade Show	All Day	Tacoma Convention Center – Tacoma, WA
November			
2	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
2	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
10	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
December			
7	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
8 & 9	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
8	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR

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