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Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tomorrow:
City of Portland Recognizes Sustainable Companies with 14 BEST Awards

Portland, Ore.—Fourteen local Portland companies and organizations left the 13th Annual BEST Awards Breakfast with this year's top honors from the City's Office of Sustainable Development. The BEST Awards recognize businesses demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to sustainability. Mayor Potter joined Portland City Commissioners Dan Saltzman and Erik Sten at the breakfast held today at the Oregon Convention Center.

"This year's BEST Award winners represent the true diversity of Portland's business community and its commitment to sustainability," said Mayor Potter. "These companies are transforming both the marketplace and the culture of doing business in the city and region."

The 2005 BEST Award winners are:

- **PSU Office of Transportation & Parking:** Transportation Alternatives
- **Fanno Creek Clinic:** Energy
- **Celilo Group Media Inc.:** Sustainable Product Development
- **Portland Powder Coating Inc.:** Water Efficiency
- **Intel Oregon & Bon Appetit:** Sustainable Food Systems
- **SERA Architects Inc.:** Sustainable Practices
- **Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc.:** Sustainable Practices
- **Quantec LLC:** Sustainable Practices
- **REACH Community Development, Leeb Architects and Interface Engineering:** Sustainable Stormwater Management
- **PSU Buildings Epler Hall and Broadway Housing: *The PSU Foundation, Gerding/Edlen Development Co., Dr. Graig Spolek & Students, and Interface Engineering:*** Sustainable Stormwater Management

The breakfast's keynote address was delivered by Bill McKibben, author of many books on the environment including *The End of Nature*, *Hundred Dollar Holiday*, and *Hope, Human and Wild: True Stories of Living Lightly on the Earth*.

Award winners were chosen from twenty eight BEST Award applications. Winners must demonstrate excellence and innovation in Energy, Water Efficiency, Transportation Alternatives, Sustainable Food Systems Development, Sustainable Product Development, Sustainable Practices and Sustainable Stormwater Management. This year's BEST Award Applicants represent a broad spectrum of Portland's business community, including manufacturers, media companies, builders, architects and developers, small medical offices and large institutions.

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Greening the BEST Awards Breakfast

The 2005 BEST Awards Breakfast highlights sustainable business in principle and in practice, featuring many green practices including providing guests the opportunity to offset their carbon impacts with a donation to the Climate Trust; using “Green Tags” donated by Three Phases Energy to offset the energy use of the breakfast; and sourcing breakfast ingredients from locally and sustainably produced food.

The BEST Awards are made possible by generous partners including The Energy Trust of Oregon, the City of Portland Bureaus of Water and of Environmental Services, BetterBricks (a project of Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance) and Gerding/Edlen Development Company.

Portland's Office of Sustainable Development: *A Better Future. A Better Now.*

The Office of Sustainable Development (OSD) brings together community partners to promote a healthy and prosperous future for Portland. OSD advances improvements and innovation in energy use and technologies, waste disposal and recycling, sustainable purchasing, environmental education and green building practices. For more information on OSD programs, visit www.sustainableportland.org.

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