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## Portland's BEST Award winners recognized

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A horde of Portland companies left the jam-packed 13th Annual BEST Awards Breakfast in April with top honors from the city. On June 9, Seattle will recognize its own annual BEST Award winners at a breakfast featuring design guru Michael Braungart. Below is a recap of Portland winners, which Mayor Tom Potter claimed are “transforming both the marketplace and the culture of doing business in the city and region.”

**Fanno Creek Clinic** [energy]: The clinic renovated its 43-year-old building with solar panels and aggressive energy efficiency.

**Intel Oregon & Bon Appetit** [sustainable food systems]: Many Intel workers don't have natural light, but they do enjoy tasty Bon Appetit food certified by the Food Alliance.

**Quantec LLC** [sustainable practices]: Throughout the process of choosing and outfitting its new office, Quantec reportedly considered environmental impacts at every step.

**SERA Architects Inc.** [sustainable practices]: SERA's new office reduces water use by 30 percent, uses 10-20 percent less energy than code and encourages good stewardship.

**Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc.** [sustainable practices]: Toyota's Vehicle Distribution Center is considered a model for site development, water efficiency, and resource conservation.

**Celilo Group Media Inc.** [sustainable product development]: In 2004, Sustainable Industries Journal's subscription rates and advertising revenue doubled.

**REACH Community Development** [sustainable stormwater management]: Rainwater that lands on the 14-floor Station Place is filtered, treated and stored in a concrete tank tapped for the building's toilets.

**Portland State University** [transportation alternatives, sustainable stormwater management]: PSU won for both its efforts to handle 24,000 students with 3,900 parking spaces, and the stormwater innovations of the Epler Hall and Broadway Housing developments.

**Portland Powder Coating Inc.** [water efficiency]: The company reuses water for multiple processes and saves energy while improving final-stage rinsing.