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Governor Kulongoski announces 2009 Oregon Sustainability award winners

Winners honored on Earth Day at the Future Energy Conference

Salem – Governor Ted Kulongoski today announced that the Oregon Sustainability Board will honor seven Oregon companies and non-profit organizations for their commitment to sustainable business practices at the Future Energy Conference on April 22nd, Earth Day.

“Organizations, both large and small, across the state have been committed partners as we have carved out Oregon’s place as a national leader in sustainability,” said Governor Kulongoski. “Each year it is important to recognize those businesses and organization that have a proven success record of integrating sustainable practices, delivering long-term benefits to our environment as well as to their bottom line, proving that smart environmental practices can also be smart business practice.”

Harry & David and Truitt Brothers were chosen as the winners in the large business category. Duro-Last Roofing and Gingerich Farm Products received the awards in the small business category. The NGO/Government awards went to Clean Water Services and Gladstone School District. Finally, TEAM Klamath received a special recognition award.

The awards recognized organizations that had taken dramatic and comprehensive steps to incorporate sustainability into their operations. The special recognition award was given in acknowledgment of a particular project that demonstrated innovative and significant sustainability principles.

“We honor these Oregonians for their leadership in understanding the benefits of sustainability to Oregon,” Secretary of State and Sustainability Board Chair Kate Brown said. “Today we can see how the private sector and public sector alike understand that sustainability means jobs, a cleaner environment and stronger communities. These efforts generate enthusiasm for sustainability in ways that help us bridge Oregon’s urban-rural divide. All the winners today deserve our thanks.”

In 2006, Governor Kulongoski issued an Executive Order that directed the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to establish an awards program to promote and advance the inclusion of sustainable practices in government and the private sector.

Oregon Sustainability Award Winners 2009:

Large Business Award Winners

Harry & David

Harry and David is the nation’s largest direct-mail marketer of gourmet fruit and food gifts. Known for its Fruit-of-the-Month Club®, the company was founded in 1934 and is headquartered in Medford. The Harry and David catalog offers a wide variety of gourmet fruit, baked goods, fine confections, and decorative gifts for every occasion. The Medford facility consists of corporate offices, over 2,000 acres of orchards, assembly and manufacturing facilities, a distribution center, a call center and information technology facilities. Harry and David also operates a seasonal call center in Eugene.

Truitt Brothers

Truitt Bros., Inc. is a family-run food processor located in Salem, OR. For over 35 years it has been owned and operated by David and Peter Truitt. The Truitt Brothers are committed to creating the

highest quality shelf-stable food for restaurants, businesses, schools, health care and retail nationwide. Truitt Brothers has three state-of-the-art facilities in Oregon – one cannery and two special product facilities. Beyond the high quality of its products and community of employees and farmers they support, Truitt Bros. is most proud of its position as a leader in the sustainable food industry. Truitt's cannery was the first Food Alliance certified food processor, and one special product facility recently achieved Food Alliance certification.

Small Business Award Winners

Duro-Last Roofing

Since 1978, Duro-Last Roofing has manufactured a highly-reflective, energy-efficient and recyclable prefabricated roofing system. Duro-Last Roofing is the pioneer and one of the nation's largest manufacturers of custom prefabricated roofing systems. To date, over 39,307,171 square feet of energy-efficient, recyclable roofs have been installed in the State of Oregon in a thirty-year period. In addition, Duro-Last Roofing contractors have installed these energy efficient roofs on 285 federal, state and county buildings and over 341 schools, for a total of 4,000,638 square feet.

Gingerich Farm Products

Gingerich Farm Products is a 4th generation family owned blueberry and hazelnut grower, packer and shipper, Gingerich currently ships to Pacific Rim countries as well as the EU and currently has 1,200 acres under production. Gingerich processes 1.75 million pounds of blueberries both conventional and organic and dry 7.5 million lbs of hazelnuts.

NGO/Government Award Winners

Clean Water Services

Clean Water Services (CWS) is a nationally-recognized water resources management utility located in the Tualatin River Watershed in Northwest Oregon. CWS's world-class wastewater treatment plants, LEED certified facilities, innovative regulatory framework, award-winning programs, restoration of green infrastructure and promotion of low impact development demonstrate their commitment to sustainable practices during the past 30 years. Every day CWS's four wastewater treatment plants produce over 58 million gallons of cleaned water that is nearly drinking water quality. CWS also provides stormwater services, water quality and stream enhancement projects, fish habitat protection and more to 510,000 customers in urban Washington County.

Gladstone School District

The Gladstone School District was formed in 1871 and includes the Gladstone Center for Children and Families (birth-K) Wetten Elementary (grades 1-5), Kraxberger Middle School (grades 6-8), and Gladstone High School (grades 9-12). Student enrollment is currently just over 2100. The district is located in Clackamas County and serves the City of Gladstone.

Special Project Award

TEAM Klamath

The Klamath Community Corporation (KCDC) is a legally recognized 501(c)3 dedicated to economic and community development and enhancement. It is a member of Klamath's public/private partnership which includes The Chamber, City of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, OIT, Pacific Power, Avista, the Klamath County Economic Development Association, The Klamath Lake EDD, and Business Oregon, among other entities that comprise TEAM Klamath, which produced "The Green Welcome Wagon" DVD and Sustainable Klamath Web Page.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sustainableoregon.net/DAS/FAC/SUSTOR/awards.shtml>