

## OSD News: City of Portland Recognizes Sustainable Companies with 10 BEST Awards

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### **15th Annual Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tomorrow: City of Portland Recognizes Sustainable Companies with 10 BEST Awards**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Twelve local companies and projects left the 15th Annual BEST Awards Breakfast with this year's top honors from the City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development. The BEST Awards recognize businesses demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to sustainability. Portland City Commissioners Dan Saltzman and Erik Sten presented the awards at the breakfast held today at the Oregon Convention Center.

"The point of the BEST Awards is to honor businesses that are redefining economic opportunity and successfully incorporating sustainable business practices into their bottom line," added Commissioner Dan Saltzman. "Regardless of who goes home today with an award, it is clear that all these companies and organizations are making significant contributions to a healthy, prosperous future for our region."

#### **BEST Practices for Sustainability — Large Company**

**The Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center** has initiated meaningful, environmentally responsible changes to the way it does business, including installing comprehensive energy and water efficiency programs and participation in food donation and composting programs.

#### **BEST Practices for Sustainability — Medium Company**

**Tualatin Valley Water District** provides high quality water and maintains best-in-class customer service to its community in a manner that protects the earth's environment, supports a strong economy and promotes a robust community.

#### **BEST Practices for Sustainability—Small Company (2 winners)**

**Sokol Blosser Winery**, one of Oregon's oldest wineries, is an 80-acre property in the Dundee Hills, with a 75-acre estate vineyard, a wine production facility, and a tasting and retail sales room. They are the first winery in the world to have obtained LEED certification.

**TerraClean** provides environmentally-friendly deep cleaning services for homes and businesses, using all non-toxic cleaning products and 100 percent renewable energy. TerraClean's objective is to prove that a company can operate and prosper without the use of petroleum.

#### **Sustainable Products or Services**

**Columbia Forest Products** is the largest manufacturer of decorative hardwood plywood, veneer and flooring in North America. CFP's products are FSC-certified and manufactured using a proprietary, soy-based adhesive, allowing for formaldehyde-free manufacturing.

#### **Resource Conservation or Management (2 winners)**

**Ecos Consulting's 80 PLUS Program®** certifies and pays incentives for computers that utilize a new generation of energy efficient power supplies that are at least 80 percent efficient at converting high voltage AC power from the wall outlet into low voltage DC power for use inside the computer.

**Rejuvenation Inc.** uses an Environmental Management System (EMS), based on the principles of the Natural Step, to reduce wastewater output and process water usage. Rejuvenation manufactures and sells period-authentic custom lighting and hardware.

### **Sustainable Food Systems**

**Scenic Fruit Company** has served Oregon fruit growers since 1931. They inspect, wash, freeze, and pack 5 to 10 million pounds of fruit grown in the Willamette Valley each summer, then dispense it throughout the fall, winter and spring to food service, institutional, and other markets.

### **Green Building (2 winners) presented by BOMA Portland**

**The 200 Market Building**, located in downtown Portland, is a 19-story building consisting of nearly 400,000 square feet of office and retail space. It is the seventh largest multi-tenant office building in Oregon and the first existing building in the United States to achieve LEED Gold certification.

Project Team: 200 Market Associates LP.

**OHSU Center for Health and Healing** is one of the first buildings to rise out of the former brownfield site in the South Waterfront Development District. It is the most resource efficient large-scale building in the region, and one of the greenest in the country. It is expected to achieve LEED Platinum certification.

Project Team: OHSU, Gerding Edlen Development, GBD Architects, Interface Engineering, Peterson Kolberg Associates, The Estime Group, KPFF, Otak, Walker Macy, Hoffman Construction, Brightworks Northwest.

The breakfast's keynote address was delivered by Sarah Severn, director of corporate responsibility, Horizons for Nike, Inc.

Award winners were chosen from 42 BEST Award applications. To learn more about the winners and all the applicant companies visit [www.portlandonline.com/osd](http://www.portlandonline.com/osd).

The BEST Awards are presented in partnership with Energy Trust of Oregon, the City of Portland Bureaus of Water, Environmental Services and Transportation; the Portland Development Commission; BOMA Portland and the Sustainable Industries Journal.

### **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 conservation and renewable energy, biofuels, waste disposal and recycling, sustainable purchasing, environmental education and green building practices. For more information on OSD programs, visit [www.portlandonline.com/osd](http://www.portlandonline.com/osd).

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