

## - FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -

### Building Communities of Interest

NEBC now includes over 175 member companies of every size, covering a multiplicity of disciplines. But guess what: it's not about companies; it's about people. Certainly, a number of our activities serve the company as a whole, especially those involving legislative and regulatory affairs, and marketing opportunities. But still, companies act through its people, and NEBC can be strongest when it builds communities of interest.

That's one reason for all of the conferences slated for 2008: Managing Stormwater in March, Renewable Energy Projects in April, Ecosystem Markets in May, Managing Carbon in June (just looking at the first half of the year). In addition to their educational value, conferences are an exceptionally good way to bring people together to meet, to share ideas, and to build business networks.

We are also involved in some ongoing community building efforts. The Energy Forum now has over 110 names on its listserve (mostly Oregon) and has been holding monthly breakfast gatherings in Portland. Also, plans are in the works for a Brownfields Forum in the Puget Sound area. This Special Interest Group (SIG) model is one I hope that we can grow as a way to build value for NEBC members, and as a tool for moving specific agendas forward.

How will this SIG model happen? All it takes is for one or two members to offer to “chair” the effort. The NEBC office can provide logistical support, but we need others who will pick formats, dates, and venues and help set a direction for the effort. SIGs can either be local, enabling people to get together face-to-face, or they can be regional, relying on technology to share information. An Energy Forum in Washington, a monthly breakfast in Boise, a stormwater SIG, Brownfields Forum in Oregon (or regional), a SIG for those working on carbon management issues, soil remediation? The list could go on for half a page. If you are passionate about your field, and want to move it forward, NEBC can be the platform. Give me a call.



Robert Grott

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##### Resource Guide Advertising Deadline Extended Until Friday, January 11!

Due to a printing delay, the advertising deadline for the NEBC Service & Product Resource Guide has been extended to Friday January 11. We will be distributing 3,500 copies of this extended- value publication in 2008. Advertising in the Guide is an efficient and cost-effective way to reach targeted buyers. If interested contact the publisher directly: Jim McGuire at McGraw Hill 206-378-4711.

## NEBC CONFERENCES, TRADE SHOWS & MEETINGS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Full list of NEBC events on page 6

**January 15. State of the State: Oregon Legislature & the Environment. Portland.** Presented by NEBC and A&WMA, Oregon Chapter. This evening meeting, 5:30 – 8:00, and networking event will present an overview of the environmental issues that affect all Oregon businesses - issues of our legislative past and present, and a peak into the future issues that will be reviewed during the special 2008 Oregon legislative session.

**February 6. NEBC Luncheon: Streamlining Project Permitting in Washington. Seattle.** 11:30 – 1:00. The Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) helps streamline permitting for complex projects that cross jurisdictions and face other barriers. A key element is the Cost Reimbursement Program which allows state agencies to contract with consultants to help get permitting done, when the applicant is willing to pay the cost for the expedited service. Faith Lumsden, Director of ORA, will discuss these programs, how project applicants can take advantage of them, and changes that will make them applicable to a broader range of projects.

**February 14. NEBC Luncheon: Lessons in Stormwater Management-Technical Solutions. Portland.** 11:30 – 1:00. As stormwater regulations (and their enforcement) continue to tighten, businesses need to know what technical solutions exist for their stormwater management problems. Come to learn from case studies of successful stormwater projects.

**March 13. NEBC Pub Mixer. Portland.** 5:30 – 7:30. Join NEBC members and guests for an evening of networking, fun, food and spirits. Invite your co-workers and clients – this is a great event to say thank you to your special customer or employee. Meet, greet and make connections with other environmental professionals. Exchange ideas about issues that affect our industry in a relaxed, casual atmosphere as you enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and microbrews from Bridgeport Brewing & Bakery.

**March 27. Managing Stormwater In Washington: Solutions To New Compliance Regulations. Seattle.** This one day conference will provide insight to the changes with the construction, industrial and Municipal Phase II NPDES permits and how municipalities are developing programs to address all three permits. Get up to date information regarding the rulings from the Pollution Controls Hearing Board and what that may mean for your business.

**April 24. Making Renewable Energy Projects Happen. Portland. Save the Date!** Bringing together those working to build a new energy economy. A conference addressing the specifics of renewable energy project development in the Northwest, with perspectives on what it takes to successfully design, finance, and build successful projects in both the electricity and biofuels arenas.

## INDUSTRY NEWS MEETINGS & EVENTS

**January 17. 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Forecast Conference. Seattle.** Don't miss the largest regional forecast conference in the Northwest. Inspiring presentation by nationally recognized economic experts from The Conference Board, the Federal Reserve Board and the Puget Sound Economic Forecaster will provide forecasts and insight for the coming year and beyond. In addition the conference will also address the *Economics of Clean Technology* and the emerging opportunities for the region. Seattle Sheraton Hotel, 7:30am – 1:30pm. **NEBC members receive the discounted Member Rate** to attend. For more information or to register visit [www.enterpriseSeattle.org](http://www.enterpriseSeattle.org) or call (425) 785-4015.

**January 23. Training on Guidance for Protecting Cultural Resources during Cleanup Work. Portland.** 9:00 am – noon. The Environmental Cleanup Program is pleased to announce the release of the new guidance document, Guidance for Protecting Cultural Resources during clean up. The guidance identifies the kind of

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projects that require a cultural resource survey by law, and provides contact information and forms. It also provides information on what to do if you identify a historic or cultural resource at your site. Speakers are Mikell O'Mealy, DEQ's Tribal Liaison and Ann Levine, DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Program Coordinator. Please respond by e-mail to [levine.ann@deg.state.or.us](mailto:levine.ann@deg.state.or.us) if you would like to register for the training session. First come, first served. We can seat up to 70 participants.

**January 27-29, 2008, Portland. [Harvesting Clean Energy Conference VIII](#).** Coming to Oregon in 2008, this conference is the Northwest's premiere gathering for agriculture and energy interests working to advance new opportunities for agriculture producers and rural communities in clean energy production. Clean energy offers real solutions – financial and practical – for our farmers, ranchers, rural utilities and towns, tribes, and regional economy. For more information, go to [www.harvestcleanenergy.org](http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org)

**January 31. Pipes and Pavement: Planning Transportation and Infrastructure for Urban Growth Boundary Additions. Portland.** Please join us for a Lane Powell/Urban Land Institute panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities presented by Urban Growth Boundary additions in North Bethany and Damascus/Boring. 8:00am – 10:00am Portland Hilton, Pavilion Ballroom. Speakers include Dan Olsen, WA County Counsel, Doug McClain, Director of Planning, Clackamas County and Michael Jordon, COO Metro. Who Should Attend: Developers, Architects, Government Officials, Engineers, Land Planning Consultants, Urban Land Institute Members, and others interested in land use planning and property development. [RSVP online](#) Questions? Contact Meghan Healy 503.778.2043 [healym@lanepowell.com](mailto:healym@lanepowell.com)

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**February 19-21. Power-Gen 2008. Las Vegas.** This is a national trade show for the renewable energy industry. The Washington Technology Center (at the University of Washington) and the Northwest Energy Technology Collaborative ([www.nwetc.com](http://www.nwetc.com)) are coordinating a 30' x 30' pavilion for the Power-Gen 2008 Show in Las Vegas at The Rio Hotel and Casino. Oregon Economic & Community Development Department (OECD) and Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC) are supporting this effort. If interested, contact: Gayle Duncan [gduncan@eomarcom.com](mailto:gduncan@eomarcom.com) 206.728.2624 Office 425.802.7034 Mobile.

**February 20-22. Environmental Industry Summit. San Diego, CA.** This is a national three-day event bringing together professionals from the environmental industry. With an ideal setting, ample networking opportunities and presentations from the environmental industry's top CEOs and analysts, the Environmental Industry Summit offers a unique opportunity for perspective on today's industry. NEBC members receive a 20% discount. Contact the office for the discount code. Early bird registration ends January 1st. Information at: <http://events.zweigwhite.com/eisummit>

**March 12-14. GLOBE Trade Fair & Conference. Vancouver, BC.** This biennial event is a major international marketplace for innovative environmental technologies, products, and services. Early bird registration ends December 13. Trade Fair-only passes are also available. Information at: [www.globe2008.ca](http://www.globe2008.ca) EXHIBITOR NOTE: NEBC members can be part of a Northwest Pavilion. Stay tuned for exhibit information.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Creek Associates, Inc. is seeking **Geologist/Hydrogeologist/Environmental Engineer:**

**Entry Level Staff** – Responsibilities include coordinating and directing field activities, project support and some technical writing. The ideal candidate will possess 0 to 2 years applicable environmental experience completing field sampling and site assessment activities and excellent verbal/written communication skills. OSHA HAZWOPER training and a Master's degree in engineering or geology are preferred.

**Senior Staff** – Responsibilities include coordinating and directing field activities (push probe sampling, well installations, and sampling of all media), data management, and some technical writing. The ideal candidate will possess 2 to 4 years applicable environmental experience completing field sampling and site assessment activities and excellent technical report writing and verbal/written communication skills. A Master's degree in engineering or geology is preferred, and the successful candidate will be expected to be on a path for licensing as an Oregon R.G. and/or P.E.

**Project Manager** - Responsibilities include managing all aspects of complex environmental investigation, remediation, and due-diligence projects, a significant level of technical document writing, and project scoping and budgeting. This position requires a minimum of 5 years of experience conducting environmental investigation and/remediation projects for public and private sector clients, a Master's degree in engineering or geology, Oregon R.G. and/or P.E. or the ability to obtain within 6 months, and excellent technical report writing and verbal and written communication skills.

**Senior Project Manager** - Responsibilities include managing all aspects of complex environmental investigation, remediation, and due-diligence projects, a significant level of technical document writing, and project scoping and budgeting. Additionally, this position will require demonstrated business development expertise, as well as a fundamental understanding of contracting and risk management principles. This position requires a minimum of 10 years of experience conducting environmental investigation and/remediation projects for public and private sector clients, a Master's degree in engineering or geology, Oregon R.G. and/or P.E., and excellent technical report writing and verbal and written communication skills.

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**Environmental Health & Safety Manager.** Total Reclaim is looking for an Environmental Health & Safety Manager to oversee our 3 person department responsible for development and implementation of environmental protection programs, occupational health and safety, and emergency response programs. This individual will also collaborate with production departments in the reduction of risk to employees, ensure compliance with federal, state and local rules and regulations, and assist senior management in development of ISO compliant procedures and standards. Primary Responsibilities will include: Environmental Health & Safety program development and administration, Contingency and Closure Plan development and implementation, Ensure regulatory and permit compliance, Coordinate regulatory reporting to federal, state, and local authorities, Conduct and revise vendor audits, Review and assist in development of employee training programs. Required Knowledge/Skills: Master's Degree or Bachelor's Degree and equivalent work experience in closely related field. 7-10 years experience; Strong familiarity with federal TSCA, RCRA, DOT, and Washington State Dangerous Waste Rules; 40 Hour HAZWOPER; CHMM preferred; Strong written and verbal communication skills; Strong problem solving skills; Detail oriented. Please send resume to [hrdepartment@totalreclaim.com](mailto:hrdepartment@totalreclaim.com) or fax to 206-343-7445 or visit our website at [www.totalreclaim.com](http://www.totalreclaim.com).

**Office Associate.** The Oregon Natural Step Network is seeking an Office Associate. The position is in a small office setting, participates in all aspects of running a non-profit, including managing accounts receivable and payable and educational event coordination. Candidates must have strong organizational skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, have understanding of business accounting, familiarity with web-based programs and good phone communications and familiarity with sustainability. A strong candidate will have a working knowledge of systemic thinking and models of organizational change. Strong listening, writing and oral communication skills are important. The candidate will be supervised by the Network's executive director but will also interface with Network board of directors, advisory committees and members. Salary Range: \$29,000 to \$32,000 depending upon experience. Comprehensive benefits including medical, dental, vision and retirement plans. To Apply: Send cover letter and resume electronically to [events@ortns.org](mailto:events@ortns.org) by Friday January 11, 2008. Please do not send via regular mail. Please no phone calls. A detailed job description can be found on the Network's website at: <http://www.ortns.org/news.htm>.

## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

**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](mailto:tino@get-benefits.com) for a free no obligation benefits analysis.

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**Sustainable Industries Journal (SIJ).** The premier magazine for sustainable business news on the West Coast. 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: [www.sijournal.com/prtnr](http://www.sijournal.com/prtnr)

**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](mailto: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.

**Environmental Expert.** NEBC has teamed with Environmental Expert, the world's largest online marketplace and information resource serving the environmental industry. At a reduced rate of just \$1,700, NEBC members can become Bronze Sponsors and get a year's worth of cost-effective exposure to a targeted audience of over 400,000 environmental professionals. Additional levels of sponsorship and optional advertising opportunities are also available. [www.environmental-expert.com](http://www.environmental-expert.com) For more information contact Tracy Barton, [tracy@combined-resources.com](mailto:tracy@combined-resources.com).

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## Northwest Environmental Business Council 2008 Events & Meeting Calendar

<b>January</b>			
15	NEBC & A&WMA State of the State	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Greek Cusina – Portland, OR
<b>February</b>			
6	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	AGC – Seattle, WA
6	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Streamlining Project Permitting in Washington	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
14	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
14	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Lessons in Stormwater Management-Technical Solutions	11:30 AM – 1:00PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
<b>March</b>			
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBA	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
13	Cascade Chapter Pub Mixer	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Bridgeport Brewing – Portland, OR
27	Managing Stormwater In Washington: Solutions To New Compliance Regulations	All Day	Embassy Suites Hotel, SeaTac Airport, WA
<b>April</b>			
10	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
10	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBA	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
15	Olympic Chapter Pub Mixer	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	The Great Nabob – Seattle, WA
24	“Making Renewable Energy Projects Happen” Conference	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel, Lloyd Center – Portland, OR
<b>May</b>			
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
8	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
21	Ecosystem Markets Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Hotel – Portland, OR
<b>June</b>			
4	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
12	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
17	Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice	All Day	DoubleTree Hotel – Portland, OR
23	Cascade Chapter Golf Tournament	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Langdon Farms Golf Course, Aurora, OR
<b>July</b>			
TBD	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	TBD – Seattle, WA
<b>September</b>			
3	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
TBD	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	TBD – Portland, OR
<b>October</b>			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA.
9	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Governor Hotel – Portland
9	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland
<b>November</b>			
5	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
13	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
<b>December</b>			
8 & 9	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR
10	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR

\*Event dates and topics subject to change.