



NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS COUNCIL E-News

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What's a Trade Association?

As I worked to finish up NEBC's 2009 tax return (a lot more work now, thanks to Sarbanes-Oxley) I was reminded about the sometimes gap between how the IRS views trade associations and what our members want. The IRS grants NEBC tax exempt status because of its social mission to support the interests of the industry as a whole, and thereby society at large. This includes things like education and training, developing standards, and supporting the business sector in general. Not only does the IRS not care about member benefits, it actively seeks to ensure that some individual members do not benefit at the expense of others. The group is what matters.

Compare this with the fact that many of our members are motivated to join NEBC in order to gain a business advantage in the marketplace. In this down economy, with carefully scrutiny of budgets, the refrain we hear more and more from existing and potential members is: "How can NEBC help me get business?"

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You can be sure that we've gotten that message loud and clear and have been doing our best to provide opportunities for our members to engage with prospective customers. To repeat the list: • our technical conferences and other events are designed to attract those who may need our members' services; • thousands of copies of our print *Service & Product Resource Guide* are distributed annually, and the same member information is continually accessed over the website; • sponsorships and trade show participation create brand awareness in the marketplace. And don't forget that a great deal of business gets done internally, among the members. In fact, I am fond of saying that my version of economic development is to get a lot of people together in the same room.

Many cite a fundamental truth about business development that separates the sales pros from the rest. Pros understand that sales are about relationships, and it is up to them to create those relationships. That's where NEBC fits in. For the most part, NEBC does not deliver sales – it offers the opportunity to build relationships.

Conferences, luncheons, networking events, special interest group Forums, Chapter Committees, and conference planning committees all serve multiple functions. While they may focus on education and other industry benefits, they also create the occasion to meet people and build relationships. As a result, those who engage most with NEBC's non-profit mission are the ones who get the most business development benefits out of the organization.

Back to the IRS. We don't need their prompting to understand the importance of the day-to-day mission-driven work we do representing our industry sectors to regulatory and economic development agencies, working with partner organizations, and managing cross sector conversations. But in so doing we also provide opportunities for members to engage with internal and external communities. And if you get business development benefits from that...well, that's what we call a win-win situation.

Robert Grott

Get your news out. NEBC has relationships with a variety of print and on-line business publications. If you have something truly newsworthy to share about your company or a project, send it our way and we will pass it on. And we'll include it in our monthly E-News. (Deadline is the first Friday of the month. Send to Sue@nebc.org)

Get your open positions filled. NEBC is happy to post job opening in the Employment section. Also, check out the [NEBC Jobs Board](#) opportunities.

NEBC EVENTS

June 23. Oregon Energy Forum Breakfast Meeting. Portland. Topic: Financing Challenges (and help) for Renewable Energy Projects. Assembling financing for renewable energy projects in Oregon is very difficult in today's economy. Tax credits and incentives have been significant drivers but without tax partners their ability to leverage financing is limited. Add in restrictive credit markets and limited access to equity investors, and the challenges mount. What are some options? The Energy Trust of Oregon recently contracted with Blue Tree Strategies to survey market players on problems and ideas, and the Energy Trust is working on some program concepts to address what they learned. Presenting will be Elaine Praise of the Energy Trust, and Matt Collier and Grant Poujade of Blue Tree Strategies. No charge, but please RSVP so we can order food - to robert@nebc.org, 503-227-6361. Forum activities are informal and open to all.

June 29. WA Energy Forum Breakfast Meeting. Seattle. Topic: Climate & Clean Energy Legislation: What it Means for Our Clean Energy Economy. This month Ross Macfarlane of Climate Solutions will lead a discussion on climate and clean energy legislation in the United States Senate, including the recent Kerry/Lieberman draft (the American Power Act) and Senator Cantwell's CLEAR Act, and what it means for the Northwest's clean energy economy. Bagels and Refreshments will be provided. Join us and be part of the conversation. No charge, but please RSVP so we can order food - to Tyler@nebc.org, 206-389-8660. Forum activities are informal and open to all.

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June 29. Washington Brownfields Forum: Green Remediation in the Field: Issues, Opportunities and Lessons Learned. Tacoma. This afternoon forum, 3:00pm – 4:30pm, will review the current state of green remediation theory and practice. The discussion will kick-off with an update on the status of the various standard and policy initiatives, industry efforts and green remediation tools followed by a review of several case studies. The case study discussion will include an in-depth look at one project in the Portland Harbor where green remediation metrics initially applied are evaluated in post-remedy implementation. Speaker: Amy Dvorak, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. There is no charge to attend but [RSVP](#) is appreciated so we can set the room properly and have an accurate count for refreshments. Forum activities are informal and open to all. Contact Sue@nebc.org or 503-227-6361 with questions.

[July 15. NEBC Annual Golf Tournament & BBQ Dinner.](#)

[Aurora, OR.](#) Join the fun while working! The NEBC Golf Tournament is a relaxed, fun event that brings in a field of golfers (and duffers) to enjoy an afternoon away from the office. A shotgun start and playing the best ball, this tournament is designed for all levels making it the perfect opportunity to network. Not a golfer – not a problem – the BBQ dinner following the golf is open to all. Increase your company's ROI – become a sponsor. Meet & greet the golfers at your sponsored hole. Then follow up the introductions with conversation and laughter at the BBQ dinner. Your company will realize great visibility with signs at your sponsored hole PLUS at the dinner! Don't miss out on this great marketing venue. [Become a sponsor of the Annual Northwest Environmental Business Council Golf Tournament at Golf Langdon Farms Golf Club!](#)

[July 21. Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer. Seattle.](#) Summertime means it's time for NEBC's Annual Rooftop Mixer! Savor delicious hors d'oeuvres, sip a cool beverage and relax with friends, colleagues and NEBC members for this fun event. Unwind in the park-like setting of the K & L Gates 7th floor rooftop patio. Gaze out at the ferries crossing the Sound to the west, Mt. Rainer to the southeast and leave the traffic jams to someone else this evening. This annual event is a perfect opportunity to meet new members and network with potential partners. Registration includes a drink ticket and hors d'oeuvres.

NEBC CONFERENCES

October 6 & 7. Washington Brownfields Redevelopment Conference. Tacoma. Returning for its third year, the 2010 Brownfields Redevelopment Conference will once again bring together the diverse parties that must collaborate to put contaminated properties back into productive use. This year's theme, Reclaiming Our Communities, reflects a focus on a community based integrated planning approach that looks at sites within a broader community development strategy. Given the current state of financial markets, the conference provides attendees with a realistic look at development opportunities, highlighting public projects and public/private partnerships – and the financial sources and tools that can support them. [Full Conference Information](#). Reach your market by sponsoring the Brownfields Redevelopment Conference. [Click Here For Sponsorship Information](#).

November 9-10. Washington Future Energy Conference. Seattle. Presented by NEBC and the Washington Department of Commerce, this unique business-to-business conference connects those developing strategies for energy security and economic development with the businesses making it happen. The content will cover energy policy & economic development, the business side of renewable electricity & fuels, and energy efficiency. Two days of educational and discussion sessions, keynote presentations, and a trade show make the Future Energy Conference *the* place for learning, networking, and business development. More information soon. To discuss sponsorship & exhibit opportunities contact Harry Aldrich 503-719-4035 or harry@futureenergyconference.com

December 6-7. Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show. Portland. Presented by AOI, NEBC, OR DEQ & WA Dept. of Ecology, this outstanding two-day event is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. Now in its 22nd year, the goal remains to provide Northwest businesses, agencies and other organizations with high-quality, low-cost environmental training, information, and networking opportunities. NWECC is the premiere venue where environmental & renewable energy professionals update their knowledge on regulations, interact with peers on problem solving, get CEU credits and additional training and access vendors. This is the perfect time to increase your company's visibility and gain two days of exposure to a very receptive audience. With over 400 environmental professionals attending, the exposure for your company to a concentrated group of diverse environmental leaders and professionals will provide you with a great return on your investment. Trade Show booths are available. For full benefits and information, go to www.nebc.org/events or contact Sue@nebc.org or 503-227-6361.

INDUSTRY NEWS & EVENTS

EPA announces \$10 million for Communities to Combat Climate Change: EPA is making available up to \$10 million in grants to local governments to establish and carry out initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Under the Climate Showcase Communities Program, EPA expects to award approximately 25 cooperative agreements ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000, with approximately 5% of the funds (\$500,000) being made available specifically for tribal governments. Local governments, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and inter-tribal consortia are eligible for grants to create sustainable community actions that can be used elsewhere, generate cost-effective greenhouse gas reductions and improve the environmental, economic, public health, and social conditions in a community. A 50% cost share is required for recipients, with the exception of tribal governments and intertribal consortia, which are exempt from matching requirements under this grant. The grant program is administered by EPA's Local Climate and Energy Program, an initiative to assist local and tribal governments to identify, implement, and track policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions within their operations and surrounding communities. Over the course of the grant program, EPA will offer training and technical support to grant recipients, and share lessons learned with communities across the nation. This is the second round of funding for the Climate Showcase Communities program. Last year, EPA selected 25 projects to receive \$10 million in grants. Proposals are due by July 26, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. EDT. Grants are expected to be awarded in February 2011. More information on the grants: <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase>

Industry-Wide Call for Presentations: EnergyOcean Pacific 2010 Themes: Getting Projects in the Water and Reducing Barriers to Entry. EnergyOcean Pacific 2010, in partnership with the Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET), will be collocated with the 5th Annual Ocean Renewable Energy Conference. Strategically located at the center of the quickly emerging Offshore Renewables Industry in the Pacific Region, the event will unite hundreds of leaders representing all segments of the industry. EnergyOcean Pacific & OWET are issuing an industry-wide call for participation. An industry-based committee has formed to provide oversight for programming the event. Prospective authors are invited to submit a 200-300 word abstract(s) for consideration by the program committee by June 22, 2010. Submit your abstract(s) to Kayla Appelt, Conference Coordinator via email to

KAppelt@tradefairgroup.com no later than June 22, 2010. You will be notified by July 30th, 2010 for the status of your submission. If accepted, you must register for the event within 14 days of notification at the speaker registration rate. Visit us Online at www.energyoceanpacific.com.

Survey to Determine the Direction of the New Nonprofit Stormwater Technical Resource Center. The Department of Ecology is partnering with Washington State University's Puyallup Research & Extension Center and the AWB Institute in the development of a new nonprofit Stormwater Technical Resource Center. They have a survey created that is intended to help develop the efforts of the center to improve water quality and the impacts caused by stormwater by assisting businesses permitted under the industrial and construction stormwater permits. The center will deliver training tools and assistance for stormwater permit compliance. The questionnaire focuses on key problem areas related to stormwater permit compliance issues and technical assistance needs. ACTION ITEM: If your business is permitted under the industrial or construction stormwater general permit, please complete the survey. **Download The Survey** and return by mail, or fax the address provided within the survey or e-mail to Mary@awb.org. Please return the completed survey as soon as possible, but preferably by June 17. For more information, contact AWB Institute's Grant Gilmore.

EPA Regulates Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Stationary Sources Under the Clean Air Act. June 6, 2010. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") just published in the Federal Register its final rule to control greenhouse gas emissions ("GHGs") from stationary sources under the two major Clean Air Act ("CAA" or the "Act") permitting programs. 75 Fed. Reg. 31514 (June 3, 2010). The final rule establishes thresholds for GHG emissions that determine when permits under the Act's New Source Review Prevention of Significant Deterioration ("PSD") and title V operating permit programs will be required for new and existing industrial facilities. Absent Congressional action to block the rule or a judicial challenge that invalidates or stays the effect of the rule, this rule will regulate GHG emissions from certain sources beginning January 2, 2011. Contributing authors: Stephen Higgs and Jeffery Hunter, Perkins Coie.

Following is a link for a second 2009 HUD Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/grpbedi2.cfm>. BEDI grants are designed to help local governments redevelop brownfields. Governments may use the funds directly or relend the funds to business or other public entities to carry out a eligible economic development project. Brownfields are defined as abandoned, idled or underutilized real property, including industrial and commercial facilities, where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. BEDI grants must be used in conjunction with a new Section 108 Loan Guarantee. Priority will be given to projects that are expected to produce near-term results and measurable economic benefits, such as job creation and increases in the local tax base. Approximately \$8.1 million is available under this second 2009 BEDI NOFA. Applications must be received through www.grants.gov by July 6, 2010. Grant funds must be obligated by September.

The USDA is now taking applications for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement projects for rural small businesses and agriculture producers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) is now accepting grant applications for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. The REAP provides loan guarantees and grants to eligible agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Funds can be used to purchase and install renewable energy systems, such as solar, geothermal and wind. REAP grants are competitive and cover up to 25% of eligible project costs. Maximum grant amount is \$500,000 for renewable energy systems and \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements. Minimum grant amount is \$2,500 for renewable energy systems and \$1,500 for energy efficiency improvements. The REAP grant deadline for Idaho is June 30 at 4:30pm mountain time. Learn more about the REAP program; <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/>. See how winery owner Stuart Scott was able to go green with help from a REAP grant: <http://camasprairiewinery.com> By Stacie Dagues, Freelance Public Relations Strategist.

June 16. Webinar: PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Financing – Growth for Renewables and Energy Efficiency. Portland. Time: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. You are invited to the last ACORE webinar for the 2009-2010 season (the next webinar is scheduled for September of 2010). This month's focus is on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing as another way to fund renewable energy development as federal support of renewables may wane in the next few years. This webinar is free to those who join us at the Ater Wynne office, 1331 NW Lovejoy, Ste. 900, Portland. RSVP: By e-mail to Ana Dunwoody at axd@aterwynne.com or by phone at (503) 889-7966 if you plan to attend. For more information, please visit the ACORE website at www.renewableenergyinfo.org.

June 16. Monthly Meeting Happy Hour and Talk. Seattle. Topic: "Sustainability and Finance Solutions" Guest Speakers, Aaron Berg, Principal and Founder, Blue Tree Strategies Inc. and Brian Alfano, VP, Business Relationship Manager, Umpqua Bank will discuss Clean Energy Works: Portland and GreenStreet Lending. Wednesday, June 16th, 5:30 to 7:00 PM. [Umpqua Bank Innovation Lab](http://umpqua.com/innovationlab) at South Waterfront, 3606 SW Bond Ave.

Portland, OR 97239. Appetizers provided. Storyteller Wine will be there serving a selection of wine and beer at happy hour prices www.futureofenergypdx.org.

June 20 – 23. ASABE 2010. Pittsburg. Don't miss the largest meeting this year of agricultural and biological engineers. Discuss biofuels and meet with the 1500 engineers expected at ASABE 2010. Examples of the program topics are: Systems for Biomass Feedstocks, Bioenergy Co-products, Automation and Biosensors, Water Quality, and Algae for Biofuels. Make sure your company and products are represented. Find more detail at <http://www.asabemeetings.org/2010sponsorship.pdf>

June 22 – 25. A&WMA's 103rd Annual Conference & Exhibition. Calgary. ACE 2010 will feature a technical program that covers a wide variety of environmental topics and boasts over 500 oral presentations and 100 poster presentations, hundreds of exhibitors displaying the latest in environmental technology and innovation in the exhibit hall, fun social and networking events, and professional development courses taught by industry-leading instructors. Registration is now available! Visit [the ACE registration page](#) to register online or download the appropriate registration forms. To find out more about this year's conference including technical program details, professional development courses, and social events and tours, visit the conference Web site at www.awma.org/ACE2010.

June 23. Freakonomics of Planning: Not Everything You Know to be True is True. Portland. Columbia Corridor Association presents speaker, Jerry Johnson of Johnson Reid LLC, to discuss some of the basic assumptions of planners that may not stand the test of economics. Are the young creatives driving economic growth? Where are people moving and how much money are they bringing? What kind of land use do people want and are they willing to pay for it? Join us for a different perspective. [Reserve Online](#) or contact Marissa King: 503.287.8686 mking@columbiacorridor.org.

August 2 & 3. Winery & Wine Distribution Law. Quincy, WA. For the fourth year, Washington Wine professionals will gather at the beautiful Cave B winery in Quincy for the annual Wine Law Conference, Aug. 2 & 3, 2010. Rooms at the Cave B Inn are limited, make your reservations early. The Inn and famous cliff houses are poised 900 feet above the Columbia River, surrounded by estate vineyards & fragrant orchards, and offers 300 days of sunshine and thought provoking beauty. The conference will update you on the latest regulatory, legal and business developments facing the industry today. The faculty includes attorneys, winemakers, consultants, and regulators with extensive expertise in winemaking today. Register soon. Here is important information for success in the wine business. View the program agenda [here](#). Register [here](#) or call us at (800) 854-8009

August 23 – 24. Canada/U.S. Energy Transactions. Vancouver, BC. This two-day comprehensive conference presents a program on cross-border, Canada/US, energy transactions. The government of British Columbia is introducing policies and legislation for developing B.C. resources, maximizing B.C.'s opportunities and establishing B.C.'s potential as the supplier of choice for clean power. Exports are expected to be a major driver of the British Columbia economy in the future. This conference brings together top experts from both sides of the border to examine the opportunities and challenges in the export market for the US and Canada. Substantive topics include: the current status of cross-border energy transactions; B.C. policy initiatives to encourage the development of new renewable & green energy resources; U.S. demand for Canadian electricity; U.S. renewable portfolio standards; the role of natural gas in electricity markets; who is buying green electricity in the US; Canadian and U.S. export regulatory issues and the development of cross-border markets. Register [here](#) or call us at (800) 854-8009.

September 9 – 11. Joint Fall Conference with ACEC Oregon & ACEC Washington. Union, WA. Program: "Creating and Retaining Star Performers" Presented by David Aiken, and two "Future Leaders" from David Evans and Associates, Sean Sullivan and Mike Baker. "Effectively creating high performers—for today and tomorrow—can mean improved project delivery success and smooth transitions in leadership and ownership. This session focuses on best practices and proven techniques to help principals fulfill their responsibility to identify and prepare the next generation of leaders and owners, while simultaneously ensuring the current success of the firm." [Click here for a full description of the conference workshop and speaker bios.](#) [Click here for more conference info and registration form.](#)

***Through A Partnership With Northwest Environmental Education Council,
Reduced Tuition Is Available For NEBC Members.***

Northwest Environmental Training Center and NEBC have partnered together to offer NEBC 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. Following are many of the current classes/seminars. Full listing can be found at www.nwetc.org.

June 16 – 17. NEPA: Writing the perfect EA/FONSI or EIS. Portland. This training course presents a set of practical skills for preparing either an Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and includes all the required content, as well as skills for safely leaving out content that is not necessary. Thus the descriptor “perfect” refers to both the necessary and unnecessary content. NEPA lessons learned will come from various project examples. Major themes include: how to make the findings required by law; timing the NEPA process to the decision making process; all eight good legal reasons not to prepare an EIS; scoping a reasonable range of alternatives; writing the “perfect” cumulative effects analysis; and the administrative record. Information provided includes a substantial handout with graphic models, case lists that support the models, and sample documents as well as presentation of graphical illustrations of the models. Each attendee will be able to take the handout home to serve as a reference in the workplace. [Register Online](#)

June 16-17. Certified Erosion & Sediment Control Lead Training (CESCL). Seattle. This exciting course examines the most up-to-date techniques in the management of sediment and construction sites. Students who attend can receive their Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training Certification (CESCL) from the Washington State Department of Ecology. This 2-day course is a dynamic interaction between the traditional lecture classroom style and hands-on exercises that will take place throughout. These exercises allow each student to practice choosing and correctly installing mats, blankets, check dams, bonded fiber matrix, straw, and other erosion control techniques for various site locations. Upon completion students will know how to simply and confidently comply with federal, state, and local regulatory requirements of stormwater management. [Register Online](#).

June 21 -22. The Ecology of Pacific Salmonids. Salem, OR. Salmonids, including Pacific salmon and trout, are an important component of ecologic and economic health in western North America. Salmon and trout of the Pacific Coast have continued to evolve in the face of natural disturbances such as floods, fires, volcanoes, wind-throw and disease. In fact, these influences have helped these species maintain their resiliency. Even when natural disturbances have been severe their effects have remained localized, thereby allowing ecosystems to more easily recover. However, the magnitude of human-caused disturbances may be so great that irreversible changes will occur by increasing the impact that natural disturbances have on aquatic communities, resulting in both acute and chronic consequences for salmonids. Moreover, the changes that human activities create may be so widespread that the recovery of individual ecosystems and their components, including salmonid stocks, could be drastically altered. [Registration](#).

July 14. Climate Policy, Carbon Credits & Business Risk. Seattle. This workshop will provide clarity and structure for understanding the interconnected web of climate and energy policies that have arisen quickly at the national, state, regional and municipal levels. The workshop will include an update on congressional discussion of the proposed Waxman-Markey climate and energy bill. [Register Online](#) | [Course Brochure PDF](#) [Course Catalog](#)

July 15. Managing Carbon: Footprints, Risk & Climate Action for Business & Government. Seattle. This workshop will explain key conceptual aspects of carbon footprints to assist decision makers who must manage a carbon footprint process now and understand the implications of the results. Various aspects of “climate risk” – new regulations, reporting requirements, and physical changes in climate – will be linked to carbon footprints and to climate action steps for immediate implementation and for medium- and long-term planning. Note: This workshop will have a small overlap with both the day before, Climate Policy, Carbon Credits & Business Risk. [Register Online](#) [Course Brochure PDF](#)

July 16. Carbon Footprints Step by Step. Seattle. This workshop will provide concrete tools for conducting a GHG inventory (or carbon footprint) of a corporation, municipal or county government, or other entity. The structure of the day will follow the entire process, including: Selecting relevant protocols and data tools to use throughout your GHG inventory process; Setting boundaries for your inventory; Data gathering, inside your organization and in coordination with external entities; Calculating emissions from data; Estimating emissions sources with incomplete data; Interpretation of results, and framing of major issues; Final reporting writing and other dissemination. [Register Online](#) | [Course Brochure PDF](#)

July 19. Fundamental Contaminant Chemistry. Lacy. This course provides participants with an overview/refresher of key chemistry concepts associated with environmental contamination and provides a foundation for understanding contaminant transport, fate, and remediation. This material is intended for environmental professionals who are not chemists and require a fundamental understanding of chemistry principles for their work. This course is recommended for all environmental professionals working with contaminated soil and water with minimal formal training in the subject. It is also recommended for project managers seeking a review of contaminant chemistry. This course includes a review of chemical naming rules (e.g., understanding what 1,1,1-TCA is) and how to use chemical names to predict molecular geometry and environmental behavior. [Register Online](#)

July 22-23. Monitored Natural Attenuation of Petroleum & Chlorinated Hydrocarbons in Soil & Groundwater. Lacy. This course provides participants with a practical overview of the science and best practices for implementing monitored natural attenuation for soil and groundwater remediation. The course sections focus specifically on monitored natural attenuation of petroleum hydrocarbons, fuel oxygenates, and chlorinated hydrocarbons (solvents). Software tools for natural attenuation analysis and methods for enhancing natural attenuation will also be discussed. [Register Online](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job opening in Portland with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Energy Specialist position with NRCS's national team works to advance rural clean energy technologies. **The details are posted here.** Deadline is July 2. The salary is \$86,260-132,510, depending on qualifications -- the applicant must meet the educational and/or experience requirements of a Physical Scientist, Agricultural Engineer or Environmental Engineer. The position will be open to government and non-government employees alike. This person will report to Stefanie Aschmann, NRCS' Energy Team Leader, and she's happy to talk with folks interested in applying (503) 273-2408; stefanie.aschmann@por.usda.gov. Summary from the web posting: This position is part of the Energy Technology Development Team, located at the West National Technology Support Center in Portland, Oregon. The incumbent reports directly to the Energy Technology Development Team Leader. The mission of this special technology development team is to acquire and develop nationally relevant technology, develop and maintain technical guidance and tools related to energy conservation and renewable energy production (including bio-energy), and provide training to agency personnel to facilitate incorporation of energy-related technology and tools into agency programs. The team is national in scope with responsibility for providing technical assistance nationwide and providing support to National Headquarters Division Directors and staff.

Student Internship Matching Service. The Business Education Compact (BEC) provides companies with access to student interns from high school to doctoral candidate levels. The year-round program makes internship easy, with a turnkey service that includes screening and recruiting strong candidates that fit your job requirements, interview scheduling, orientation, payroll, as well as management support throughout the internship. BEC is a nonprofit serving Oregon and SW Washington, connecting the classroom and workplace for the past 24 years. Contact Mark Read at the BEC: mread@becpdx.org; 503.646.0242 x37.

Internship Program – Oregon State University. Students from the Oregon State University School of Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering are looking for internships. Students majoring in chemical engineering, bioengineering or environmental engineering are looking for internships. As part of our mission to graduate 'work ready' engineers we encourage our students to pursue summer industrial or government internships. Students work on projects which require applications of their engineering skills. The internships are paid internships; pay scales are typically from \$11.00/hr to \$18.00/hr, but the compensation is between the intern and the employer. For more information about the program or to list your opening on our website please contact Tracy Rothwell at Tracy.Rothwell@oregonstate.edu. More information about the School of Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering can be found at <http://cbee.oregonstate.edu/>.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Employer Pages. Do you get overwhelmed managing applications for job openings? NEBC has partnered with Performance Resources to provide a simple-to-use, web-based hiring system to manage and track job openings and employment applications, while increasing your applicant pool. Features include a company branded landing page, job-specific screening questions, an application tracking system, access to a suite of optional assessment tools, and full customization options. The system also publishes jobs to a variety of free job boards, and is optimized for search engine discovery. Employer Pages can be a stand-alone tool or a portal to your in-house applicant tracking system. The basic service is **free for NEBC members**. To explore or start, go to www.nebcjobs.org and click on the Employers tab to get a login.

Washington NEBC Members Have New Medical Coverage Benefits Available. It has been a long time coming, but after several years of work we have secured a great plan for NEBC members in Washington. Medical coverage is provided through United Health Care. A wide range of plans are available to companies with 2-400 employees. On average companies are saving \$100 -\$150 per employee, per month. Dental, Life & Disability are also available. Additionally, some products include COBRA administration and Cafeteria plan administration at not cost to you. Click here to learn:

http://www.cooleremail.net/users/tcversoza/FirstMailingList_HowToGetIt.html.

Financial Planning Services with Waddell & Reed. NEBC members receive at 20% discount on financial planning services provided by Waddell & Reed, a national financial planning firm founded in 1937. Planning services include retirement planning, wealth management, tax-efficient investing, education funding, estate protection, and succession planning for closely-held businesses. Other business services include retirement plans and financial education workshops. Contact Karen Einberger, Financial Advisor, Waddell & Reed, 206.283.6661 or keinberger@wradvisors.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.

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.

Sustainable Industries (SI). The premier magazine for sustainable business news on the West Coast. The NEBC member discount for the Sustainable Industries 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: <http://www.sustainableindustries.com/>

Online Marketing & Lead Generation. NEBC has teamed with Environmental Expert, the world's largest online marketplace and information resource serving the environmental industry. NEBC members are now eligible for a 50% discount on any purchase of our premium online marketing services that will help your business reach a targeted audience of industry professionals looking for environmental solutions. Choose from packages that include lead generation, branding, e-newsletter sponsorships, dedicated email blasts & more. For more information go to: [Environmental Expert](http://EnvironmentalExpert.com).

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2010 NEBC EVENTS CALENDAR

June			
23	OR Energy Forum Breakfast Mtg.	7:30am – 9:30am	URS Corp, Portland, OR
29	WA Energy Forum Breakfast Mtg.	7:30am – 9:30am	Stoel Rives, Seattle, WA
29	WA Brownfields Forum	3:00pm – 4:30pm	GeoEngineers, Tacoma, WA
July			
15	Cascade Golf Tournament & BBQ Dinner	1:45pm Tee Time 5:45pm BBQ	Langdon Farms Golf Course, Aurora, OR
21	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	5:00pm – 7:30pm	K & L Gates, Seattle, WA
September			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
22	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Perkins Coie, Portland, OR
October			
6	Olympic Chapter Luncheon TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
6 & 7	Washington Brownfields Redevelopment Conference	All Day	Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, Tacoma, WA
November			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
9 & 10	WA Future Energy Conference	All Day	Seattle, WA
TBD	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
December			
6 & 7	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion on the River, Janzten Beach, Portland, OR