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The Shirey Contracting of Issaquah team breaks ground for the Cutting-edge Demonstration home. Top L to R: Sarah Blanchard, Riley Shirey, Donna Shirey, Pam Worner, Autumn Donovan. Bottom, L to R: David Clinkston and David Hilgers.


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BOTHELL COMPANY ANNOUNCES INNOVATIVE NEW PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS FOR TREATING STORM WATER RUNOFF

Construction contractors and managers of industrial sites finally have an affordable and completely environmentally responsible resource to meet today's stringent discharge standards thanks to ChitoVanLC, an innovative product recently launched nationally by Cascade EcoSolutions. The announcement came at StormCon, the World's Largest Surface Water Quality Conference and Exposition, August 3-7, in Orlando, Florida.

"Until now, there were few environmentally responsible options for treating and discharging turbid stormwater," said Michael Baker, President, Cascade EcoSolutions. ChitoVan is made from recycled seafood process waste. "It is a biodegradable polymer that removes suspended sediment, heavy metals, and organic contaminants from dirty water," he said.

The launch of ChitoVan and introduction of Cascade EcoSolutions is timely. Businesses, government and environmental groups are acutely aware of the need to manage storm water runoff in ways that support growing economies while preserving natural environments.

Cascade EcoSolutions is well positioned to be the solution for the smallest to the largest storm water management jobs in North America. "Until

now, you could hire tanker trucks to haul it away, install an expensive permanent treatment system or discharge water of questionable quality and risk heavy fines – all options that could take a significant

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ChitoVan products are completely safe for people and animals. When applied as directed in the treatment of contaminated water, there is no possibility that fish or other wildlife and habitat will be harmed.

"Chlorine, polyacrilamides, aluminum and iron salts have worked miracles in industrial applications, but they are too harsh when your discharge is direct to surface water," Baker said. "Our natural product quickly produces visible results – we often see reduction in water turbidity to less than 5 NTU's. That is sometimes clearer than what comes out your home water tap."

Baker also noted that some think chemical water treatment is prohibitively expensive. He said Cascade EcoSolutions is developing new application methods which reduce the amount of labor and equipment necessary to meet water quality standards.

GROUND BREAKS ON CUTTING-EDGE DEMONSTRATION HOME

An innovative green technology demonstration project broke ground today at Bass Cove, just off of West Lake Sammamish Parkway in Bellevue, Washington. Shirey Contracting of Issaquah is building the Zero Energy Idea House to increase awareness of products and systems that can help inspire homeowners to move toward energy independence.

While the project's goal is to arrive at net zero energy usage, current projections estimate the home's annual energy cost at no more than \$500. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate how lifestyle changes, in addition to home modifications and technologies, can impact a home-owner's utility bill.

The project will be thoroughly documented during design and construction via a website (www.zeroenergyideahouse.com), progression photography, educational presentations, media outreach, and public and building industry tours.

The home will consume significantly less energy due to the use of structural insulated panels (SIPs), which are a highly energy efficient and cost effective alternative to traditional stick framing and fiberglass insulation. The high level of insulation provided by SIPs means the amount of energy used to heat and cool the home will be cut by as much as 50%.

Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels will provide most of the home's power, while a 1,200 sq. ft. vegetated "green" roof, ENERGY STAR® lighting, windows,

and appliances, and in-floor radiant heating will make this residence extremely energy-efficient. The home will also be equipped with an energy monitor that displays energy input and output in real-time, a tool that will be key in helping homeowners modify their energy consumption habits.

The Zero Energy Idea House has been endorsed by Built Green® of King & Snohomish Counties and is receiving technical support from the U.S. Department of Energy's Building America program. Major sponsors include Ambiente European Tile Design, Clinkston Brunner Architects, ecohaus, Frog On A Log Parks, Insulspan, Klip BioTechnologies, Northwest Property Imaging, Triad Associates and Northwest ENERGY STAR® Homes. 425 Magazine is providing media support to the Zero Energy Idea House.

About Shirey Contracting

Shirey Contracting specializes in custom residential homes and commercial facilities, remodels, and is a national leader in building with structural insulated panels (SIPs). The award winning company provides innovative design-build solutions for projects of all sizes, focusing on superior workmanship and sustainable building practices. Active within its industry and community, Shirey Contracting has been consistently recognized by its peers for remodeling excellence and their "build smart" philosophy.

KIRKLAND BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED FOR RECYCLING

Worthy Picks

Nine out of the 50 King County businesses named as the "Best Workplaces for Recycling," are based in Kirkland, Washington, and eight of them are participating in the City's Green Business Program. The following Kirkland businesses were recognized by King County's "Recycle More. It's Easy." campaign as 2008 honorees:

Company		
Google, Inc	Chameleon Technologies	Champagne Design
ECO Cartridge Store	The Green Car Company	Poggemeyer Design Group
Allyis	OTA	PCC Natural Markets

In 2007, the City of Kirkland launched a program to recognize the efforts of existing "green" businesses and to encourage businesses to get "green." Qualified businesses will be listed on the Kirkland Green Business web page and receive a core program logo in the form of a window cling and electronic file that can be used for corporate printed materials. In addition to the "Kirkland Green Business" core logo, eligible businesses can obtain logos for seven categories: waste reduction/recycling, water conservation, transportation/commute trip reduction, pollution prevention, green building, energy efficiency and use of green power. To join the other 23 Kirkland Green Business participants, visit www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/greenbusiness or call 425-587-3812.

In 2007, King County launched the "Recycle More" campaign to increase recycling among single family residents, multi-family residents and businesses. The commercial recycling program targeted businesses that could demonstrate cost savings with an increased recycling program, especially with regard to paper, cardboard and organics.

To learn about King County's Recycle More program, go to www.metrokc.gov/recyclemore or call 206-296-4466.

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NORTHWEST CONCRETE ENTERPRISES ADDS GREEN PRODUCTS

Northwest Concrete Enterprises recently announced the addition of the ecoprocote line of products in an effort to help builders and contractors meet Built Green criteria. Northwest Concrete is now also a retail sales location for consumers who want to buy green products for their home projects.

The bio-based, ecoprocote products offer an environmentally safe alternative to concrete acid stain and toxic wood stains and paint.

Coating products include No VOC Dura-Soy One paint, Low VOC SoyCrete concrete stain, Deco-Poz resurfacer, Low VOC TimberSoy wood stain, Acri-Soy sealers, Poly-Soy finish, Eco-Tuff coatings and various surface preparation and cleaning products.

ENVIRONMENT AND BREAST CANCER SUPPORT IN THE BAG

New pink-ribbon grocery bag aims to spread the word

Issaquah-based TuckerBags has announced the launch of a specially designed pink-ribbon grocery bag that not only supports the environment through the reduced use of plastic, but also supports and builds awareness for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and its vital cause.

Creating awareness and understanding of breast cancer and its impact on individuals, families, and society as a whole is a key mission of the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

As such, the need to spread the message about early detection and regular testing is also paramount.

TuckerBags are a fun, convenient, and environmentally friendly option to plastic grocery bags. TuckerBags are made from rip-stop polyester, so they are super strong and hold in excess of 35 lbs. The patent pending bag design comes in a range of fun, colorful designs which are fashionable for the whole family to use.

Each TuckerBag is 19 inches x 16 inches in size, has extra long handles for shoulder comfort, and tucks neatly back into a convenient attached storage pouch.



The TuckerBags pink-ribbon grocery bag is available for retail sale at only \$7.50 and is available from TuckerBags at <http://www.tuckerbags.com/charity.html>.

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PSE EYEING THREE NEW SOURCES OF LONG-TERM POWER SUPPLY

New supplies designed to help meet the region's rising energy demands in a cost-effective, environmentally responsible manner

R Puget Sound Energy recently said it is pursuing the acquisition of 560 megawatts (MW) of new, long-term electricity supply – including more wind power – from three outside parties.

The targeted resources constitute the screened "short list" of more than 30 power-supply bids PSE received from regional energy producers and marketers in response to the utility's Request for Proposals (RFP) in January. PSE hopes to secure the short-listed resources over the next 12 to 18 months.

"These new supplies are designed to help us meet our region's rising energy demands in a cost-effective, environmentally responsible manner," said Kimberly Harris, PSE executive vice president and chief resource officer. "The next step, if possible, is to reach a deal on each of them and bring them into our portfolio."

The three short-listed resources include two 20-year power-purchase contracts from wind farms in Washington and Oregon, together totaling 250 MW of power capacity, and the acquisition of an existing natural gas fired power plant in Washington.

In addition to these long-term resources, PSE is looking to sign a short-term, winter-only power-purchase agreement arising from the RFP bids. This purchase would help PSE erase a projected near-term power-supply shortfall during customers' wintertime peaks in power usage.

PSE and the companies that submitted the short-listed proposals agreed to withhold additional details about the projects until further analysis is completed and contracts are signed. Contracts will hinge on final PSE validation of the operational characteristics and economics of the proposals.

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