

# GTA Newsletter April 2011

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### → Today: Last Chance to Register for Gorge Angel Conference!

April 21 is the deadline to register for the 4th Gorge Angel Conference. This event on April 26 (11:30am to 5:00pm, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center) showcases Gorge companies competing for a \$100,000 angel investment prize. The day also includes a speed networking session with the assistance of the GTA. Networking tables include representatives to help your business grow from the GTA, Oregon Built Environment & Sustainable Technologies Center (Oregon BEST), Oregon Nanoscience & Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), Pacific Northwest National Lab and the Small Business Development Center @ Columbia Gorge Community College.

Click [here](#) to register now!

### → Employment Opportunities

GTA Member **Custom Interface Inc.** has an opening for a buyer/ purchasing agent. This person will organize and manage all aspects of the purchasing functions to ensure material is available as required to meet customer due dates and to maximize profits. Applicant must have a minimum of 3 years experience in purchasing with an organization that supported manufacturing or high tech preferred. Click [here](#) for more information.



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**Sherman County**  
**Springhouse Cellar**

**Gorge Technology**  
**Alliance Mission**

To promote the technology business sector of the Columbia River Gorge and build new alliances to strengthen our surrounding communities.

We focus on "lifestyle entrepreneurs;" individuals who take advantage of the area's recreational resources and business opportunities, combining their drive for recreational activities with an industry cluster that continues to expand.

For more information, call 541-296-2266, email [jessica@crgta.org](mailto:jessica@crgta.org), or click to visit our website.

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**Columbia PhytoTechnology** is gearing up for an expansion project that will involve unique equipment fabrication and is seeking short-term assistance with CAD drawings. They have some drawings from past work in Pro Engineer and have evaluated using Solid Works. Interested parties should contact:

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509-767-0019  
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## Trout Lake Robotics Team Going to National Championship, Needs Help

The Trout Lake Robotics Team is a rookie high school-level robotics team that competed in the FIRST Robotics Oregon Regional Championships in March. Overcoming adversity and technical difficulties for the first 2 days of competition, their rookie team was chosen by one of the most experienced teams in the nation to form an alliance for the final elimination rounds. They went undefeated and became the regional champions! Now they are in a position they never imagined: they are trying to raise enough money to get to St. Louis, MO for the FIRST Robotics National Championship on April 27th. Any and all financial assistance would be greatly appreciated! Please contact [Lora Melkonian](mailto:Lora.Melkonian@troutlake.com).

## R&D Funding Available from Washington Technology Center

Are you working on innovative technology applications with near-term commercial potential? Consider applying for a Washington Technology Center RTD grant to offset the costs of your R&D.

Washington Technology Center is now accepting proposals for the next round of the Research & Technology Development (RTD) Grant Program. Grants will be awarded in September 2011 for projects that begin October 1, 2011.

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If you are a Washington technology business looking to partner with an academic or non-profit researcher on a collaborative research endeavor, you may be eligible for assistance through the RTD Grant Program. RTD grants pay up to 80% of the cost of research projects -- allowing you to channel your capital to other business growth needs or continue working on breakthrough scientific discoveries. Project teams are eligible to receive up to \$100,000 for initial proof-of-concept projects and up to \$300,000 total for multi-phase projects.

**Important Dates:**

May 25 & June 8, 2011: Information Webinars

June 16, 2011: Notices of Intent Due

July 21, 2011: Proposals Due

October 1, 2011: Projects Begin

For information and downloadable proposal materials, click [here](#).

 **Upcoming GTA Meeting: April 26  
Tech Business Connections**

Every fourth Tuesday, the Gorge Tech Alliance brings together Gorge technology businesses and interests for informal networking and an educational presentation for business support or to highlight a new technology. This month the focus is on YOU! Join us for more formal networking where you'll have a chance to take the floor to briefly introduce yourself or your business and share any latest and greatest information. Think you already know everyone in the Gorge tech scene? Come meet some new connections, learn about businesses you didn't know existed and strengthen relationships with your existing network over a glass of wine or beer!

**Details:**

6:30 p.m.

Springhouse Cellar Winery (13 Railroad Ave, Hood River).

Light refreshments and no-host bar.

Free for GTA members, \$5 entry for non-GTA members.

And mark your calendar for the next Geek Lunch on **May 17!** More details to follow.

 **SAO Annual Dinner: April 28**  
*April 25 deadline to purchase tickets*

Join the Software Association of Oregon for their Annual Member Dinner on April 28th featuring a Keynote by US Senator Ron Wyden and supporting presentations by Kevin Tucker, Deputy President of FLIR and Major General Rees of the Oregon National Guard. Come network with other members and learn more about Technology Innovation, Job Creation, and Economic Development in Oregon.

Thursday, April 28, 2011 : 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Montgomery Park Glass Atrium, Portland

SAO Membership not required. Click [here](#) for more information.



## CleanTech Open Now Accepting Applications

What's new this year?

Expanded capital ceilings for ventures

- \* Up to \$1-million in institutional capital prior to application

- \* Up to \$5-million in friends, family and grants prior to application

(Both amounts, lifetime since incorporation)

Renewables category now called "Energy Generation"

- \* To broaden the scope of new energy technologies

A new online executive summary entry form

- \* In service by end of April

- \* Interim guidelines (based on 2010) for the 7 sections of the summary [here](#)

Application fee - \$150

Only \$100 for student teams

Application deadline is May 24 at 11:59PM

Join them for the **2011 Portland Competition Briefing** at the Offices of Oregon BEST, 4th & Market in Portland on **Wednesday, April 27, 2011 - Noon - 1pm.**



## Gorge Local Economies Summit: May 13

Gorge Owned Business Network invites everyone to Springhouse Cellar in Hood River on Thursday, May 12 (6:30pm) for a screening of the film, "The Economics of Happiness," a 1-hour documentary that explores how

local solutions can provide more profitable and environmentally preferable alternatives to corporate globalization.

The film will be the launching point for a bigger discussion slated for Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Gorge Local Economies Summit (8:30am to 3:30pm at the Pioneer Center, 501 NE Washington St. in White Salmon). This event will bring together business owners, investors, thought leaders, community members, government, and other stakeholders to discuss many of the unique challenges-such as maintaining clientele during the off-season, connecting with businesses across geographic and state lines, accessing capital and expertise-as well as the unique opportunities available to businesses in our region.

More information about the film:

\$10 for the general public, kids under 12 are free; \$8 for GO! members

<http://gorgeowned.org/programs/gorge-green-drinks/>

More information about the Summit:

Free and open to the public, but GO! is asking for a suggested donation of \$30 -\$40

<http://gorgeowned.org/programs/gorge-local-economies-summit/>

Tickets available for both at Waucoma Bookstore.



## OctoberBest Seeks Presenters

### *Regional High-Tech Conference & Manufacturing Expo*

The 11th Annual OctoberBest Conference is a resource for information on new technologies, products and services critical to the northwest electronics manufacturing industry. Attendees at OctoberBest want to speak to and learn from working professionals who speak their language and understand their problems.

OctoberBest 2011 is accepting proposals **until April 30** for Presentations, Panels/Roundtables, Application Workshops and Short Courses about embedded systems and the supporting technologies critical to developing innovative products and applications. Proposals would be related to the following areas: Industry innovations; Green Technologies (e.g. batteries, smart controls, Smart Grid); Embedded Software; Hardware Design and PCB Issues; Logic and Interfaces; and Business (e.g. idea development, marketing, supply chain). Other relevant subjects will also be considered.

The conference will be October 5 in Beaverton, OR. For more information, click [here](#).

## Save the Date: Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference *October 27-28, Hood River*

Mark Your Calendars! With the theme of "Oregon Broadband: The Power of Adoption," the 16th annual Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28, at the Hood River Inn.

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference draws attendees from all regions of the state to share ideas, experiences and knowledge about telecommunications. The 2011 conference presenters and attendees will explore the importance and value of broadband telecommunications adoption and utilization for business, government, education, healthcare, public safety, communities and individuals.

**2011 Keynote Speaker:** Lee Rainie, Director of the Pew Internet and American Life Project. Lee Rainie launched this project which has produced more than 240 reports exploring the impact of the Internet on families, communities, work and home, daily life, education, health care, and civic and political life.

**[Email](#) your ideas for sessions and speakers now!**

Early Bird registration fee is just \$65. Find conference information, on-line registration and updates at [www.oregonconnections.info](http://www.oregonconnections.info).

## Calendar of Events

### April 2011

- **April 21:** InnoTech, Oregon Convention Center.
- **April 26:** GTA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Springhouse Cellar in Hood River.
- **April 26:** 2011 Gorge Angel Conference, 11:30am - 5:00pm, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles.
- **April 27:** CleanTech Open Portland Briefing, 12pm, Oregon BEST offices.
- **April 28:** SAO Annual Dinner, 6pm, Montgomery Park in Portland.

## May 2011

- **May 13:** Gorge Local Economies Summit, 8:30am to 3:30pm, Pioneer Center in White Salmon.
- **May 17:** GTA Geek Lunch, 12pm.
- **May 24:** GTA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm.
- **May 24:** CleanTech Open submission deadline.

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