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→ Employment Opportunities with GTA Members Deadlines Approaching

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District is hiring a part-time Office Administrator. Deadline to apply is Monday, **June 27**. Visit mcedd.org.

Custom Interface Inc. just announced they are seeking a Director of Finance and Risk Management. Read the job description [here](#).

Sagetech Corp. has several job openings, from IT Technician to Project Manager and others. Click [here](#) for more information.

Cloud Cap Technology is hiring for an Electronics Tech, Manager of Business Development and a Mechanical Engineering Intern. Click [here](#) for more information.

Insitu has several job openings: Software Engineering Director, Human Resources Support Specialist, Thermal Engineer, etc. Click [here](#) to see the full list.

GTA Members - be sure to let us know of your openings! Email them to jessica@crgta.org.

→ GTA Board of Directors Updates



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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, or click to visit our website.

Disclaimer

When long-time member and founding partner Gary Rains stepped down from the Gorge Tech Alliance Board of Directors, the Board welcomed Steve Olson, CEO of [Sightline Applications](#), to fill the space. The Board also recently held officer elections. Many thanks to continuing officers Jeff Nicol with Custom Interface as President, Kent Heighton with Gorge Technology as Board Vice-President and Brad Schrick with Insitu as Treasurer. Thanks also to Mary Kramer with Columbia Gorge Community College for taking on the position of Secretary. See the full Board list [here](#).



Are You Getting the Member Spotlights?

Did you know that the GTA sends out an email highlighting one member almost every week? The Member Spotlight is a great way to learn about other businesses in the Gorge and the leaders behind them. Recent Spotlights have included Sightline Applications, Van Valkenburgh and Associates and Pageworks Design. The Spotlight email list is separate from the Newsletter list - *so you may be missing out!* Let [Jessica](#) know to include your email if you're not getting the Member Spotlights currently.

And GTA members, are you ready for your spotlight? [Tell us!](#)



Gorge Youth Robotics News

There is so much happening in youth robotics in the Gorge! Check out this list of opportunities for kids and teachers to learn or adults to get involved as a volunteer in support of our future Gorge workforce:

- **June 25:** Teacher training at the StRUT Warehouse in The Dalles - contact [StRUT](#)
- **June 27-29:** Teacher training at SuperQuest Summer Session at Hillsboro High School - contact [Techstart](#)
- **July 16:** Student basic training on using LEGO Mindstorm NXT robots (9 - 14 year olds) - contact [StRUT](#)
- **Aug. 1-5:** Teacher training at SuperQuest Summer Institute at Oregon State University - contact [Techstart](#)
- **Aug. 20:** [ORTOP](#) training for teachers/ volunteers participating in FIRST LEGO League Tournament
- **Sept. 17:** ***All day Gorge Robotics Fest brought to you by Google*** - see [GorgeRobotics.com](#)
- **Sept. 24:** [ORTOP](#) training for teachers/ volunteers

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- participating in FIRST LEGO League Tournament
- **Dec. 10:** FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Tournament at Hood River Middle School - hosted by the [Gorge Technology Alliance](#) and sponsored by Google

➔ Upcoming GTA Events

GTA Geek Luches are taking the summer off. Look for the next one in September and meanwhile, head to the:

GTA Annual Summer Party on July 7



GTA Members and their guests are welcome to this fun, casual networking event! Join us on Thursday, July 7 from 6 to 9pm at [Sunshine Mill Winery](#) in The Dalles. Dinner will be provided on behalf of the GTA so please [RSVP by July 1](#).

GTA Monthly Meeting on July 27

Topic: Earning Financial Incentives for Your Energy Efficiency Projects

Everyone is welcome to our regular monthly meeting to network with the Gorge tech business community and for a presentation about Bonneville Power Administration's 'Energy Smart Industrial' program.

The Energy Smart Industrial (ESI) program, developed by BPA, is designed to reduce your energy load and associated energy costs by providing significant incentive dollars through your local public utility, and technical resources for industrial energy efficiency projects to industrial businesses and manufacturers of nearly all industries; food processing, pulp and paper, manufacturing, water and waste water, high tech mining, chemical processing, metal processing, wood products, lumber, data centers and more.

Learn more about how the ESI program can pay your facility cash incentives to save energy. ESI Program Delivery Manager Bill Kostich will share program details and recent case studies from facilities like yours who are receiving financial incentives while lowering their power bill and saving energy.

Event details:

Tuesday, July 27, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Gorge.net's Hood River headquarters (616 Industrial Ave, Suite 401)

Appetizers provided.

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

Hosting and free drinks provided by



Partner News: Cleantech Open

The Cleantech Open, Pacific Northwest region announced their largest ever class of Semifinalists for the 2011 competition. Out of 30 applicants, 17 were selected to continue the competition and participate in the Cleantech Open's mentoring and Academy programs in preparation for final judging in the Fall. Read about the semifinalists [here](#).

Interesting upcoming event:

On **July 14** in San Jose, CA, the **Cleantech Open National Investor Conference** will provide a dynamic forum for investors, business leaders, and cleantech entrepreneurs to examine compelling funding opportunities, explore emerging market trends and build valuable relationships within a network committed to entrepreneurship and environmental change. Join them for a day of networking, Thought Leader panels, entrepreneur presentations and a cleantech showcase and reception. [Register](#) by July 7 to get the earlybird price of \$37.



Partner Events: Software Association of Oregon

July 15: 16th Annual Golf Tournament at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora, OR. SAO Members only.

August 4: Join the SAO's QA Forum for a lunch program to learn about the [Open Web Application Security](#) (OWASP) newly updated Testing Guide v4 and how to verify the security of your running applications. [OWASP Testing Guide](#) describes a set of techniques for

finding different kinds of security vulnerabilities within an application. This technique is used by testers and developers to help produce secure code and to supplement security reviewers application assessment efforts. 11am to 1pm at Kell's in Portland. \$25 for SAO members, \$45 for non-members.

Click [here](#) to learn more about these events.

Oregon Entrepreneurs Network News

Do you know about all of OEN's angel funding and venture capital programs? These include the year-round [Oregon Angel Fund](#), the annual [Angel Oregon](#) investment competition and the annual [Venture Northwest](#) event which seeks strong companies looking for Series A or B funding. And don't forget the [Gorge Angel Conference](#) (Gorge PubTalks will begin again in September!). These programs are open to GTA companies on the Washington side as well.

Upcoming events:

OEN Workshop: Valuing your Start-up Company

August 3, 4-6pm in Portland

\$30 for OEN Members; \$70 for non-members.

Summary: As an early stage entrepreneur looking for the first round of funding, one of the most daunting tasks may be determining the valuation of your company. In this workshop, OEN will cover the basics of valuing a seed or launch stage company. Learn more [here](#).

Pacific NW Defense Symposium **Aug. 18 in Bremerton**

Kitsap Economic Development Alliance and Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition have again collaborated on the **Pacific NW Defense Symposium** to bring motivating speakers on topics related to energy and security. The event provides a forum to educate, guide, and assist defense contractors in working with the government. Guests will enjoy a day of workshops and exhibits, while networking with military personnel and business leaders.

Event details:

August 18, 2011

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside
Symposium is 7am-4pm on the 18th

Networking Reception is 5pm-7pm on the 17th

More information and registration [here](#).

New GTA Members

Welcome to the newest GTA Member [Hood River Human Resources and Accounting](#) !

Consider committing yourself to the success of the Gorge's technology sector by becoming a member or sponsor of the GTA! Our regular activities - the monthly meetings, newsletter, website, business connection and support opportunities - are funded entirely from memberships and sponsorships. Joining is valuable to your business, affordable and easy! Contact [Jessica](#) to sign-up today!

Calendar of Events

July

- **July 7:** GTA Annual Summer Party, 6pm at Sunshine Mill Winery (901 E 2nd St, The Dalles) **RSVP by July 1.**
- **July 14:** Cleantech Open National Investor Conference in San Jose, CA (see above)
- **July 15:** SAO Annual Golf Tournament in Aurora, OR (see above)
- **July 27:** GTA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm at Gorge.net (616 Industrial Ave in Hood River)

August

- **Aug. 3:** OEN Workshop on Valuing your Start-up Business (see above)
- **Aug. 4:** SAO QA Forum lunch in Portland, OR (see above)
- **Aug. 18:** Pacific NW Defense Symposium in Bremerton, WA (see above)
- **Aug. 23:** GTA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm. Venue and topic TBA soon!

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