

# GTA Newsletter May 2011

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### → Congrats to Real Carbon!

As of June 1, GTA Member [Real Carbon](#) will have a new address! President Michael Graham and Chief Engineer Wes Lapp have been growing the business in the Gorge for over 20 years and are excited to announce their move into the Halyard Building at the Port of Hood River. With over twice their current space, the new facilities will enable them to add important sales office space and additional engineers. **In fact, Real Carbon is hiring now for a Composite Materials Engineer. [Click here for more information.](#)**

Real Carbon's new address will be Unit 104, 707 Portway Ave., Hood River, OR 97031.

### → GTA Members are People's Choice at Gorge Angel Conference

GTA members Scott Anderson, Ray Perkins and Jennifer Anderson's new startup software company, Mostly Cloudy Solutions ([www.mostlycloudysolutions.com](http://www.mostlycloudysolutions.com)) was awarded the People's Choice award in their category at the 4th Annual Gorge Angel Conference, held April 26 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles, Oregon.

You may know them by their day job running Stevenson local IT support company ABC Computing, Inc. ([www.abccomputing.org](http://www.abccomputing.org)). By night, they have been



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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.

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building another company and diligently searching for a developer to prototype their mock-up computer network management tool. To read more, click [here](#).



## Employment Opportunities

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

GTA Member **Real Carbon** is hiring a Composite Materials Engineer. See item above.



## Business Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Grants: June 15 Deadline

The USDA Rural Development has grants and loans to support private businesses in the Gorge who are undertaking renewable energy or energy efficiency projects through "REAP" (Rural Energy for America Program). Energy efficiency measures might include lighting, heating, cooling, insulation, & pump improvements. Grant applications are limited to 25% of project costs and grants of \$20,000 or less are favored. Read a summary of the programs [here](#).

More information for Oregon businesses is found [here](#); Washington businesses should click [here](#).

**June 15 deadline for many of the funds!**



## Business Grants for Training Employees

\*We ran this item in the March Newsletter- funds are still available so we're letting you know about it again.\*

Mid-Columbia Council of Governments has On-the-Job Training (OJT) grant funds available for businesses. Through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, OJT grants target local dislocated workers.

An employer who hires an OJT-eligible job applicant can receive reimbursement for some of the necessary costs of training the employee. Employers must provide at least 30 hours per week of work. The ultimate goal is to assist local dislocated workers in obtaining full-time,

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steady employment. For more information, click [here](#).

## Business Space Options

GTA Sponsor **Colt Listing Service** has a variety of commercial and industrial space available around the Gorge. Visit [coltland.com](http://coltland.com).

New GTA Member **Port of Cascade Locks** is now leasing space in the Herman Creek Building, their new 10,000 square-foot flex-space building, set to open this fall. The building can occupy one or multiple tenants and is zoned light industrial. Click [here](#) for more information.

GTA Member **GreenShipping.com** has shared small office space available in Hood River (Suite 400, behind 10-Speed Coffee Shop). They're looking for a single consultant/ developer to share space. Contact [Ken Whiteman](#).

## GTA Partner Events: Software Association of Oregon

For more information about any of the below events, [click here](#).

- Thursday, June 9: Revise your Employee Handbook to Avoid Legal Trouble
- Wednesday, June 15: 2011 Oregon National Guard "Yellow Ribbon Executive Briefing"
- Saturday, June 18: Getting Your Projects Funded through Crowdsourcing
- Friday, July 15: 16th Annual Golf Tournament

## GTA Partner Events: CleanTech Open PNW Semifinalist Announcement at WCTA Business Forum

Puget Sound Energy Auditorium, Bellevue, WA  
Friday, June 17 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

WCTA's "Growing Cleantech Businesses" will include a lunch keynote panel on the potential for nuclear as a clean energy source in the post-Fukushima era, and several successful companies, including CleanTech Open Alumnus will present case studies on how they've achieved their progress in clean technology.

The highlight of the morning will be announcement of

the region's 2011 Cleantech Open Semifinalists, with presentation of teams by regional sponsors and an elevator pitch to the audience by each winner.

[To register](#), use Discount Code "clean11" to receive the member price as a friend of Cleantech Open. Box lunch included.

## Oregon BEST Save the Date, Call for Abstracts

The Oregon Built Environment & Sustainable Technologies Center (Oregon BEST) will be hosting Oregon BEST FEST '11 on September 12 at Portland State University. This event will again bring together university researchers, entrepreneurs and industry leaders working in renewable energy and the sustainable built environment for an all-day networking event and research expo. This unique gathering features speakers, research posters, panels, and other presentations all focused on the research, innovation and collaboration that are fueling Oregon's green economy. Be a part of sparking university-industry collaborations that are developing and commercializing new green building and renewable energy products and services.

[Click here](#) to read information about the "Call for Abstracts" for research posters.

Visit the event [website](#) for more information about registration and sponsorship.

## New GTA Members

**Welcome to new GTA Member [Port of Cascade Locks!](#)**

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!

## GTA Events in June

- **June 21:** GTA Geek Lunch, Noon, China Gorge (2680 Old Columbia River Drive, Hood River)
- **June 28:** GTA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm. Location and topic TBA shortly!

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