

## Going Green Together

## **Business & Multnomah County**

Leading The Way
For Good Government



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# What does it mean to go green?





Integrating social and environmental considerations in your business decisions:

- The things you buy
- The things you sell
- Who you buy them from
- Who your suppliers buy them from
- How you operate your business
- How your suppliers operate their business





**General Mills** redesigned the packaging of **Hamburger Helper**, shaving off 20% of the paperboard box without shrinking its tasty contents.

The astounding result: 500 fewer distribution trucks on the road each year.

- Fast Company | 50 Ways To Green Your Business



At Enterprise Rent-A-Car, about half the fleet--more than 334,000 vehicles--gets more than 28 mpg

The company is also adding thousands of hybrids and FlexFuel cars to it's car sharing program WeCar.





**Kaiser Permanente** knew that its vinyl floors weren't doing Mother Nature (or patients or employees) any favors.

Kaiser started replacing the floors in 2005 with PVC-free recycled rubber, which costs more to install but pays for itself in five years by slashing maintenance costs by as much as 80%.

A side benefit: fewer slips and falls. - Fast Company | 50 Ways To Green Your Business





At the urging of its own flight attendants, **Delta Air Lines** launched an on-board recycling program this past summer in a few of its hubs.

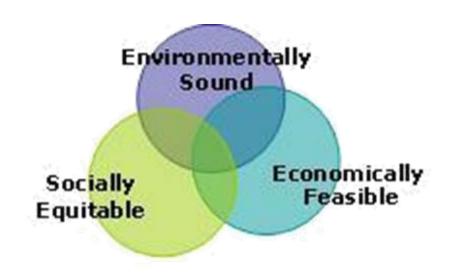
In the first three months, flight attendants, who sorted cans, newspapers, and plastic, collected 60 tons of recyclables.





Environmentally and socially responsible in the way they source, manufacture, and market their products and/or run their offices and factories

They consider the triple bottom line









### "Nobody wants to be the No. 1 polluter."

- Dawn Rittenhouse, Director of Sustainable Development, DuPont.

### "Sustainability is about making business sense."

 Pat Tiernan, Vice President for Social and Environmental Responsibility, HP







**Human Health** 

**Environmental Quality** 

**Economic prosperity** 



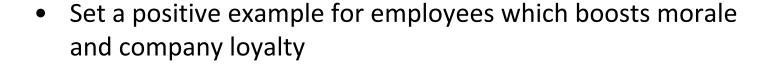


- Energy use can account for over 30 percent of a company's operating budget, while adding 20 percent to the nation's total greenhouse gas emissions.
- Americans represent only 5% of the world's population, but generate 30% of the world's garbage.
- Water efficient fixtures can cut water use by 30%
- Though accounting for only 5 percent of the world's population,
   Americans consume 26 percent of the world's energy.
- One ton of paper from recycled pulp saves 17 trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 7000 gallons of water, 4200 kWh (enough to heat your home fore half a year), 390 gallons of oil, and prevents 60 pounds of air pollution





• Ensure there is a planet to do business on





- Provide a cleaner and healthier work environment
- Improve efficiency and potentially lower operating costs
- Earn tax credits









Consumers are going green.



Government is going green.





## **Public Green Purchasing Policies**

**States:** 

California

Connecticut

Georgia

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Massachusetts

Missouri

Minnesota

New Jersey

New York

North Carolina

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Vermont

Washington

**Counties:** 

Chatham County, NC

Kalamazoo County, WI

King County, WA

Kitsap County, WA

Multnomah County, OR

San Mateo County, CA

Santa Cruz County, CA

Sarasota County, FL

**Cities:** 

Boulder, CO

Cincinnati, OH

Kansas City, MO

Portland, OR

Phoenix, AZ

San Francisco, CA

Santa Monica, CA

Seattle, WA

More than 80 policies are available at: www.newdream.org/procure



## Who else is going green?



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"We are looking at innovative ways to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. This used to be controversial, but the science is in and it is overwhelming.... We believe every company has a responsibility to reduce greenhouse gases as quickly as it can."

Lee Scott, CEO of Wal-Mart (October 24, 2005)

### Wal-Mart's Goals





To be supplied 100% by renewable energy

- Existing stores 20% more efficient in 7 years
- New stores 30% more efficient in 4 years
- Fleet 25% more efficient in 3 years, double in 10 years



To create zero waste

- 25% reduction in solid waste in 3 years
- All private brand packaging improved in 2 years (right sized, reusable materials)



To sell products that sustain our resources & environment

- 20% supply base aligned in 3 years
- Preference given to aligned suppliers in 2 years
- Design and support Green Company in China

## Who else is going green?































### **2011 BEST Business Award Winners**



### **Double Tree Hotel Portland Lloyd Center**

Sustainable Practices (Food Systems)



### **Barbur Storage**

Sustainable Practices (Very small business)



### **B-Line Delivery**

Sustainable Services





### **Your Name Here**





# How is the County going green?



## How is the County going green?



### Operations policies

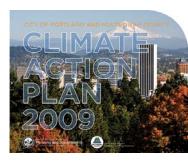
- LEED/Green Building
- Solar
- Green Cleaning

### Climate Action Plan

### Purchasing policies

- Sustainable Purchasing and Social Equity Policy
- Paper
- Recycled products
- Paint







## How is the County going green?



### **Sustainable Purchasing & Social Equity Policy**

 County must consider sustainability in the procurement of all goods and services

- County will be integrating sustainability attributes into the product specifications and/or scope of work
- Proposals must allocate 25% of total evaluation points to:
  - Sustainability (10%)
  - Social Equity (10%)
  - Employee Healthcare and other benefits



# What does that mean for you?







The County is interested in products and services that will reduce negative impacts on human health and environmental quality, such as:

- Less toxic
- Energy efficient
- Made from recycled content
- Recyclable
- Responsibly sourced and manufactured
- Sustainable over the entire Life Cycle





The County will be asking you to describe how you address sustainability in your daily business practices, such as:

- Do you have a policy?
- What are your biggest impacts?
- How can you reduce those impacts?
- What are your goals?
- What practices have you implemented?
- How do you give back to the community?





### **Sample Sustainability Question**

Please demonstrate your firm's commitment to sustainable business practices, which could include, but is not limited to a formal sustainability program or policy; alternative fuel vehicles; recycling measures; energy conservation plans; water conservation policies; computers shutdown practices; or a green cleaning policy.

Please provide details and include copies of reports, policies or plans if available.

## What does that mean for you



### Tips for answering a question like this:

Demonstrate the implementation of comprehensive waste reduction and recycling programs including: paper reduction (duplexing, electronic communications); e-waste including electronic hardware, batteries, and office supplies; furniture recycling; and composting of yard or food waste.

Describe your sustainability policies or practices such as: choosing durable versus disposable goods; purchasing products composed of post consumer recycled materials; using certified green cleaning products); (i.e. Ecologo, GreenSeal, Rainforest Alliance, etc.); choosing energy efficient product alternatives (e.g. Energy Star electronics, appliances and vending machines, or EPEAT registered computers;).

Discuss any practices you have implemented for reducing fossil fuel usage. This could include: flexible commuting options and incentives for employees; telecommuting opportunities; green travel and parking options; purchase or lease of alternative fuel, hybrid or fuel efficient vehicles; idling restrictions or emissions reduction devices.



# How do you start greening your business?



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Farm	Manufacturer	Distributer	Retailer
Sourcing	Sourcing	Sourcing	Sourcing
Vehicles and Fuel	Processing/ production	Product Shipping	Product shipping
Production	Packaging	Electricity Use	Employee and Customer Commutes
Product Transport	Product Shipping	Contracted Vehicles and Services	Electricity Use
Waste Disposal	Waste Disposal	Waste Disposal	Waste Disposal

## How do you start greening you business?



Write down six sustainability practices that your business already does.

Write down six sustainability practices that your business could easily do.



Take a look at the County's Sustainable Purchasing website: www.multcopurch.org/green.

Explore the online resources provided in this presentation.



## How do you start greening your business?



- Assess your impacts
- Set goals
- Take small steps
- Let everyone know you've gone green!

#### RESOURCES

**Multnomah County Sustainable Purchasing** 

www.multcopurch.org/green

City of Portland BEST Business Center – Free Resources

www.bestbusinesscenter.org

**Green Biz** 

www.greenbiz.com

**Eco-Logical Business Program** 

www.ecobiz.org



### **Paper**



- Buy Recycled
- Choose FSC certified
- Choose Chlorine Free
- Double sided copies
- Save one sided paper for draft
- Scan and email

#### RESOURCES

CalRecyle guide information about recycled paper <a href="https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/paper/recycled/">www.calrecycle.ca.gov/paper/recycled/</a>

Forest Stewardship Council

www.fsc.org/

**Shrink Top Ten paper reduction tips** 

www.shrinkpaper.org/pages/bm~doc/toptentips-shrinkpaper.pdf









## **Information Technology**



- Less toxic computers and monitors
- Energy efficient
- Responsible E-waste recycling







### RESOURCES

**Energy Star** 

www.energystar.gov

#### **EPEAT**

www.epeat.net

Metro Electronics Recycling Information <a href="https://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=10755">www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=10755</a>

### **Energy**



- Conduct an energy audit
- Turn off your lights
- Install motion sensors
- Buy energy efficient appliances and electronics
- Choose renewable energy

### RESOURCES

**Energy Trust of Oregon** 

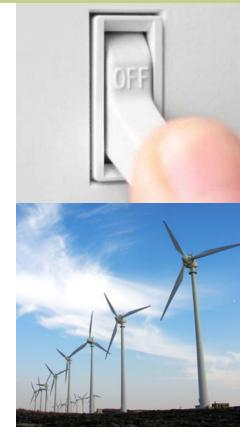
www.energytrust.org/business

**Energy Star** 

www.energystar.gov

Green-e

www.green-e.org





### Water



- Be Water Wise
- Install low flow faucets and toilets
- Collect rainwater for landscaping

### RESOURCES

**EPA's Water Sense** 

http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/

#### **Portland Water Bureau**

http://www.portlandonline.com/water/index.cfm?c=29334

**East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District** 

http://www.emswcd.org/







### Waste



- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Compost
- Fork it Over
- Reduce packaging
- Paper

### RESOURCES

**Portland Composts!** 

www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=41682

Fork It Over (excess food donation program)

www.forkitover.org

**U.S Small Business Administration** 

www.sba.gov/content/waste-0







### **Transport**



- Choose high MPG
- Choose the right vehicle
- Implement idling restrictions
- Route optimization
- Alternative methods
- Consolidate trips

#### RESOURCES

**EPA Smart Way** 

http://www.epa.gov/smartwaytransport/

**Green Your – Transportation** 

www.greenyour.com/transportation







### Web resources



### **City of Portland Buy Green**

www.portlandonline/buygreen

### City of Portland BEST Business Center (free help!

www.bestbusinesscenter.org

### **Sustainable Business Oregon**

www.sustainablebusinessoregon.com

### **National Resources Defense Council**

Smarter Business: Green Business Guides
http://www.nrdc.org/cities/living/gbusiness.asp







## **Multnomah County Sustainable Purchasing**

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## Thank you for going green with Multnomah County

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