

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WINS AWARD

The Association of Oregon Recyclers awarded the Department of Justice won the Leadership in Sustainability award at their dinner reception on June 18 in Salem. Congratulations, DOJ!




The impressive (and heavy) award is comprised of reclaimed materials

DOJ won the award for some innovative and persistent activities last fall. On October 7, 2009, Attorney General John Kroger launched the first phase of several new Sustainability Measures for the Oregon Department of Justice. These measures addressed concrete, immediate ways in which the DOJ could lessen its impact on the environment. Car-pooling, double-sided printing, electronic document generation, energy audits, green purchasing policies, teleconferencing in lieu of travel, and the use of environmentally friendly cleaning supplies are just some of the practices that the DOJ has already embraced, or will be adopting, in an effort to meet Attorney General Kroger's request that we become the "greenest law firm in Oregon."

The DOJ Sustainability Committee thinks constantly about ways to encourage recycling and improve services offered. The committee realized that commingled recycling was a crucial step to meet recycling expectations. Garten Services was considering a commingled recycling program, and the DOJ's support and encouragement (led by AAG Sheen Wu) provided them with not only a "testing ground" in DOJ's Justice and Commerce buildings, but the incentive to implement this service. In May of 2009, mixed recycling began at the two DOJ pilot buildings and due to the success of the program, Garten now offers this service to all of the state buildings in Salem and the DAS buildings in Portland.



SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM NEWS

- Sustainability Coordinator:** DAS Sustainability Coordinator, Elin Shepard, has resigned from state service. She accepted a position with Portland Energy Conservation Inc. (PECI) as an Outreach Manager for the New Buildings Program of the Energy Trust of Oregon. Her last day in the office at DAS will be Wed, Aug 11, 2010. DAS is not yet sure how they plan to fill the duties of the position. Sustainability is still a valued and important part of state government and Elin is encouraging DAS to find a way to continue the momentum towards infusing a culture of sustainability in state government. Elin thanks everyone for the friendship and support of the program over the last decade. She hopes to cross paths with you again soon.
 
- Radio Show:** Elin was interviewed on the Sustainable1000 radio show on Aug 11 at 10:30 am. The site below will have her interview available by Aug 13. www.sustainable1000.com
- Field trips:** the field trips have all been cancelled due to Elin's departure. At this point, no plans to reschedule have been developed, but please continue to watch the website for updates.

OREGON SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETS IN DUNDEE

The Oregon Sustainability Board (OSB) held their July meeting in Dundee, Oregon. The OSB heard from Representatives Bailey and Read on their impressions of key sustainable legislation for the upcoming session. They stressed that renewables, urban/rural partnerships and Energy Trust incentives for schools appear to be key issues. Additional presentations included Water Resources Department on the progress for their integrated water management strategy and from Gail Achterman about sustainability in public higher education. The OSB also finalized their grant application to coordinate sustainability benchmarks for Oregon communities. They will hear from the foundation who administers the grant in November on the decision.



Photos from the OSB's meeting in Dundee will be posted on Aug. 12 at: http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/SUSTOR/osb_photos_dundee.shtml

OREGON RANKS #3 IN MOST SUSTAINABLE STATES IN THE U.S.

Excerpt from the Portland Business Journal, July 1, 2010 by Christina Williams

Published by Conway Data Inc., [Site Selection magazine](#) examined corporate facility management in green technology sectors to weight its sustainability index. The list's creators also gave points for factors that make those investments possible including government policies. The number of LEED-certified green buildings also factored into the calculation.

The full report, [available here](#), includes the following rankings:

Top five sustainable states:

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| 1. California | 2. Washington |
| 3. Oregon | 4. Massachusetts |
| 5. Minnesota | |

Top five sustainable U.S. metros:

1. San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif.
2. Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, Ore.-Wash.
3. Denver-Aurora, Colo.
4. Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.
5. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif.

Top five sustainable nations:

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| 1. Canada | 2. Brazil |
| 3. China | 4. Germany |
| 5. Norway | |

Read more: [Portland Business Journal](#)



RESOURCES

- Sustainability Program website: <http://sustainability.oregon.gov>
- Sustainability Plan: http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/SUST/docs/DAS_Sustainability_Plan.pdf
- Sustainability Program Biennial and Progress Reports: http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/SUST/sust_plan_rep.shtml
- DAS Buildings Web Pages: http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/building_info.shtml
- Electricity Scorecards: <http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/SUST/scorecards.shtml>
- Greenhouse gas emissions inventory for state of Oregon internal operations: http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/2007_Legislative_Session/Correspondence/DAS_GHG_report.pdf
- Green Teams: http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/SUST/green_teams.shtml
- Oregon Sustainability Board: http://sustainability.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/SUST/osb_home.shtml
- Sustainable Oregon: website under construction until Sept. 2010

In addition, Governor Kulongoski established some of the most aggressive sustainability requirements in the country. Below is a summary of the key drivers in state government.

- 20% energy reduction goal by 2015 and SEED guidelines http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARs_300/OAR_330/330_130.html
- DAS policy 125-6-010: Sustainable Facilities Standards <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/FAC/docs/1256010.pdf> (policy revision planned for late 2010)
- DAS policy 107-011-010: Resource Conservation <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/docs/policy/state/107-011-010.pdf>
- DAS policy 107-011-030: Holiday Decorations & Lights <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/docs/policy/state/107-011-130.pdf>
- DAS policy 107-011-140: Sustainable Procurement and Internal Operations <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/docs/policy/107-011-140.pdf>
- DAS policy 107-009-0050: Electronic Waste <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OP/docs/policy/state/107-009-0050.pdf>
- ORS 279A governs procurement of goods, the purchase of paper, recycled materials, etc. <http://landru.leg.state.or.us/ors/279a.html>
- ORS 459A.480 governs state agency recycling programs. <http://landru.leg.state.or.us/ors/459a.html>
- Solar power in public buildings: 1.5% of construction cost http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARs_300/OAR_330/330_135.html

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TIP OF THE MONTH

Add soap to your hands before turning on the water, and then turn it on to wash off. Many people turn the water on first and waste water while reaching for the soap. It could save up to a pint of water per person each time you wash, which adds up to a lot of water over weeks, months and years. *Submitted by Sandy Johnson, DAS PEBB*

PARTING THOUGHTS

An effective long-term sustainability program involves more than implementing mainstream sustainability concepts into daily practices – it's a continuous improvement process that challenges an individual to constantly expand eco-awareness. Putting our plans into action expresses the commitment towards infusing sustainability into the culture of state government. Hopefully, the DAS Program helped move us along that path over the last three years. However, the job is not complete. Let's continue the momentum and show our new governor that state agencies value sustainability and it is a core part of our cost savings and efficiency strategies. GO TEAM!

