

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

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Item No. 4b
Date of Meeting April 23, 2013

DATE: March 19, 2013
TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Elizabeth Leavitt, Director Aviation Planning & Environmental Programs
Jeremy Webb, Environmental Management Technician
SUBJECT: Special Order of Business – Recognition of the Winners of the 2012
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Green Gateway Environmental
Excellence Awards Program

In honor of Earth Day, staff would like to recognize winners of the 2012 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Awards Program (Awards Program). The Awards Program annually recognizes Airport tenants, airlines, and business partners for outstanding environmental leadership. The Awards Program is intended to encourage continuous environmental improvement by celebrating tenant, airline, and business partner accomplishments and acknowledging the critical role they play in assisting the Port in meeting its environmental goals.

2012 AWARD WINNERS:

- **FedEx** (Environmental Performance Category)
 - Replaced old lighting at Air Cargo facility with new energy efficient lights and occupancy sensors and participated in the Port's energy saving incentive program.
 - In 2012, FedEx replaced 191 high wattage non-fluorescent lamps and fixtures with T5 or T8 high performance lamps and fixtures and occupancy sensors.
 - Estimated annual energy savings from this lighting retrofit amounts to 377,377 kWh per year, or 70% energy savings, resulting in estimated annual utility bill savings of \$33,341. The project is expected to have a 1.5 year payback without factoring in partial installation funding provided through the Bonneville Power Administration energy saving incentive program.

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- **Concessions International** (Environmental Performance Category)
 - Reduced waste sent to landfill by increasing recycling and composting at Airport stores.
 - In 2012, participating stores reduced trash disposal 21% compared to 2011 by recycling plastic milk jugs, plastic bags and product packaging, and composting food-soiled fibers and food scraps.
 - Saved \$5,000 in garbage disposal fees.
- **Keeney's Office Supply** (Environmental Education and Outreach)
 - Assisted the Port of Seattle in procuring sustainable office supplies by developing and implementing a Sustainable Office Program. The program included analysis of Port office product procurement habits, and identification of sustainable and lower cost alternatives.
 - In 2012, Port purchases of recycled content paper products reached 85% (an increase from 82% in 2011), and purchases of other sustainable non-paper products reached 39%.
 - Implemented an on-line supply ordering system that prioritizes sustainable office products over alternatives, includes aggressive prices on recycled content paper, and suggests substitutes when a buyer selects a similar non-sustainable item.
 - Provided Port employees with system training, support, and customer service as well as guidelines on suggested alternative office supplies.
 - Implemented used product recycling for toner cartridges, pens, markers, mechanical pencils, and packaging materials.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

The Awards Program was created in 2010 and is designed such that the Airport may present one or more awards each year, depending on the quality of the nominations received. Nominations are accepted for any project, process, or action that promotes environmental leadership and stewardship in one of three categories:

- Environmental Performance
- Environmental Education and Outreach
- Environmental Innovation

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Between December 2012 and January 2013, the Airport accepted award nominations for projects, processes or actions completed during 2012. Four nominations were received in the Environmental Performance category, and one in the Environmental Education and Outreach category. A panel of Aviation Division staff reviewed those nominations, in accordance with criteria established for each category, and recommended winners to Airport Senior Management. Senior management concurred with panel recommendations that three nominations (two Environmental Performance and one Environmental Education and Outreach) would receive 2012 Environmental Excellence Awards. Awards in the Environmental Innovation category will not be presented this year, but all three categories will again be considered next year.

NEXT STEPS:

Port staff notified winners of 2012 awards on March 22, 2013. Commemorative plaques will be presented to award winners by Port of Seattle Commissioners during the April 23, 2013, Commission meeting. The Port will also acknowledge winners on banners located inside the Airport terminal, in a press release to local media and the public, and other media outlets.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SPECIAL ORDER:

- PowerPoint Presentation