

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No. 4a

Date of Meeting April 24, 2012

DATE: April 5, 2012
TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Elizabeth Leavitt, Director Aviation Planning & Environmental Services
Leslie Stanton, Senior Environmental Strategy Manager
SUBJECT: Special Order of Business – Recognition of the Winners of the 2011 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Awards Program

In honor of Earth Day, staff would like to recognize the winners of the 2011 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Award Program (“Awards Program”). The Awards Program is designed as a way to annually recognize Airport tenants and airlines for outstanding environmental leadership and is intended to encourage continuous environmental improvement by tenants and airlines and acknowledge the critical role they play in assisting the Port in meeting its environmental goals.

2011 AWARD WINNERS:

- **Hudson News** (Environmental Performance Category)
 - Donated 6,031 lbs. of food through the Airport’s Food Bank Donation Program in 2011 (82% of all 2011 tenant food donations), which is equal to 93 meals per week.
 - The workhorse of the Airport Food Donation Program since its inception in 2006, averaging 90% of all annual donations since 2008.
 - Reduces landfill-bound airport waste, and alleviates hunger by providing food assistance in our local community.
- **HMSHost** (Environmental Performance Category)
 - Began participating in the Airport’s Food Bank Donation Program this year, donating 393 lbs. of food.

COMMISSION AGENDA

Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

April 5, 2012

Page 2 of 2

- Comprehensive efforts improved participation in the Airport's recycling programs, resulting in a 14% increase in plastic milk jugs recycled and a 30% decrease in garbage compactor use.
- **LSG Sky Chefs** (Environmental Performance Category)
 - Began a food-scrap composting program at their flight kitchen facility, diverting an average of 20 tons per month from landfill (approximately 9% of total waste).
 - Achieved \$13,000 net savings on disposal costs.

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

Between January and March 2012, the Airport accepted award nominations for projects, processes or actions completed during 2011. Nominations were received only for the first category – Environmental Performance. A panel of Aviation Division staff and managers reviewed those nominations, in accordance with criteria established for each category, and made recommendations to Airport Senior Management. Senior management then determined that three nominations in the Environmental Performance category would receive 2011 Environmental Excellence Awards. Awards in the other two categories would not be presented this year, but all three categories will again be considered next year.

NEXT STEPS:

Winners of 2011 awards will be notified on April 6, 2012. Commemorative plaques will be presented to award winners during the April 24, 2012, Commission meeting. The Port will also acknowledge award winners on banners located inside the Airport terminal, and in a press release to local media and the public.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SPECIAL ORDER:

- None