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## PECI Ranks 37th on Inaugural List of 100 Best Green Companies to Work For in Oregon

*Oregon Business Magazine's list recognizes PECI for sustainable business practices*

PORTLAND, Ore – June 4, 2009 – Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI) ranks number 37 on *Oregon Business Magazine's* inaugural list of the 100 Best Green Companies to Work For in Oregon. A supplement to the well-known "100 Best Companies to Work For" in Oregon project, this new list honors Oregon businesses that are incorporating sustainable practices into their business strategy and operations. Determined by an anonymous employee survey and an independent assessment of employer's sustainability practices, the full list is featured in the June 2009 issue of *Oregon Business Magazine*.

For nearly 30 years PECI has been dedicated to developing and delivering innovative energy efficiency projects, programs and research for utilities, government and the private sector. In 2008 alone, PECI positively impacted the environment by saving on behalf of clients 361 million kilowatt hours of electricity, two million therms of natural gas, and 200 million gallons of water; savings equivalent to taking over 45,000 cars off the road and the annual drinking water for 3,000 households. This commitment to promoting energy efficiency and careful resource management is also an integral part of the organization's day-to-day operations.

"PECI is passionate about advancing efficient energy use and careful resource management, both for our clients and within our organization," says Phil Welker, PECI Executive Director. "We strive for sustainability in all that we do by encouraging employee participation and company-wide policies that reduce our organization's energy consumption and environmental footprint. This commitment to our core values is part of what makes PECI one of Oregon's best places to work."

PECI proactively seeks out solutions to deepen and increase company-wide sustainable initiatives that decrease the organization's environmental impact. These solutions include:

- Pragmatic, company-wide program for measuring and reducing the company's carbon footprint. Methods include purchasing 100% green power for the main office building and purchasing carbon offsets for business travel. As a result, the estimated metric tons of carbon emitted per full-time PECI employee is 1.22 per year, compared with an industry average of 3-4 metric tons of carbon per year, per employee
- Purchasing EPEAT Gold certified desktop and laptop computers and EPEAT Silver certified computer monitors to reduce the environmental impact of IT equipment
- Comprehensive recycling and composting programs
- Bike commuting – PECI won the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's 2008 Bike Commuter Challenge
- Public transportation reimbursement
- Printer and copier guidelines to promote paper recycling and reduced paper use

A growing, thriving company, PECI is actively seeking new team members inspired by delivering innovative energy-saving solutions and promoting responsible resource management. Offering many career paths with support through training and mentoring, open positions can be found at <http://peci.org/careers.html>.

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### About PECI

Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI) designs and implements energy efficiency programs for utility companies and governmental agencies in the western United States. Founded in 1980 and headquartered in Portland, Oregon, the organization has a longstanding tradition of pairing innovation with practicality to deliver customized solutions in building commissioning, retrofits, and new construction with a focus on HVAC, refrigeration, lighting and appliances. As an industry leader, it serves the commercial and residential markets with

services including technical consultation, research, analysis, program management and implementation. PECl is committed to gaining widespread efficiency practices that embrace careful resource and energy management. To learn more, visit [www.peci.org](http://www.peci.org).

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