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In this edition of the Gorge Technology Alliance newsletter you'll find items of interest to the community and some that are specific to the GTA. You are welcome to respond to amanda@crgta.org about any newsletter items.

• **Connect to Your Career**

The Gorge Technology Alliance is pleased to announce a job fair and networking activity that will take place on November 15th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Oak Grove Restaurant in Hood River.

Members of the GTA are welcome to participate for free, but we do require advance sign up. Non Members will be charged a \$35.00 booth fee. The event is free for job seekers to attend.

This is the first of quarterly networking event hosted by the Gorge Technology Alliance. If you would like to participate, please contact Amanda at amanda@crgta.org or 541-296-2266.

• **November GTA meeting: R&R Sy-Tec**

The Gorge Technology Alliance is hosting a presentation by Karl Rozentals, President of R&R Sy-Tec, Inc. on Tuesday, November 27, 2007. Mr. Rozentals will be presenting a sales prospectus of his company to potential buyers.

Potential buyers and technology entrepreneurs are invited to attend this detailed description of an established Gorge technology business with significant growth potential. The

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Gorge Technology Alliance Mission

Our mission is to promote the technology business sector of the Columbia River Gorge and build new alliances to strengthen our surrounding communities.

We focus on "lifestyle entrepreneurs;" individuals who take advantage of the area's recreational resources and business opportunities, combining their drive for recreational activities with an industry cluster that continues to expand.

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R&R Sy-Tec is a 35 year old firm that provides infrastructure inventory and engineering services to utility companies. The company is located in The Dalles and provides both off and on-site services to utility companies nationwide. The core product is a database driven software application that is typically bundled with other value added services.

GTA meetings provide an opportunity for high tech entrepreneurs to network with one another and learn from educational presentations.

• **Daily Round Trip Bus Service from The Dalles to Hood River in Test Phase**

The Hood River Transportation District (CAT) received a two year grant from ODOT to run bus service between The Dalles and Hood River. Still in the test phase, there will be daily morning and evening runs between the two cities, arriving by 8 am and leaving after work. If CAT is able to obtain another vehicle to support this service, a mid day run will be added. Once week round trip service to Portland (MAX, OHSU and Clackamas Town Center) will be starting soon as well. For more information, contact Dan Schwanz at 541-296-7595 or 541-386-4202. Additional information and schedules are posted on the Gorge

the survey was learning what topics you are most interested in hearing more about. Listed below are the top 12:

- Coordinating technologies in the Workplace
- Marketing
- How to Encourage Employee Innovation
- Web Page Design Principles
- Geology of the Gorge
- Healthcare Options for Small Businesses
- Theory of Self Organization
- Next Generation Super Computers
- Developing a Management Team
- Conceptual Design of UAV's
- Employee Recruitment Techniques
- Engineering Principles of Composites

We'll be working on setting up monthly meetings to match these interests. Our last meeting in October focused on the #1 interest: coordinating technologies in the workplace.

• **Oregon Manufacturing Website Launched**

The Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) announced The Voice of Oregon Manufacturing oregonmanufacturing.org a new Web site designed to serve as an online information center about what's happening in Oregon's dynamic manufacturing center. Developed as part of the Oregon Manufacturing Workforce Strategy, the site provides news and information on industry consortia and organizations, education and training programs, best practices, links and other resources related to manufacturing. Through profiles, articles and links, the site tells the story of manufacturing and the many partners working together to build this critical sector of the Oregon economy.

• **New Immigration Law and Non-Competition Law**

Fisher & Phillips will be hosting briefings on the topics of The New Immigration Law & What it Means to NW Employers; and The New Non- Competition Law and How to Prepare from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on November 7, 2007. Space is limited, so RSVP soon. The Happy Hour briefings will be held at the Hotel Monaco, 506 SW Washington Street, Portland, OR. For more information or to register,

see the event flyer. Cost: \$30 per person

• Seeking Volunteers

The Gorge Technology Alliance continues to increase the number of activities we are undertaking for you. In order to make this all happen, though, we need your help! Are you interested in any of the following?

1. Volunteer to be a greeter at an upcoming GTA meeting. The volunteer greeter helps to welcome those that are new to the group and introduce them to others at the meeting. Necessary skills: Enjoy meeting new people and helping to make connections
2. Volunteer to help produce the monthly e-newsletter

• New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the Gorge Technology Alliance:

Jacki Sterner, our newest networking member, is enrolled as a full-time student in the Renewable Energy Technology (RET) program at CGCC and also designs and builds websites.

Cascadia Techworks and owner Jim Ealer. Cascadia Techworks specializes in outsourced tech support and consulting services for small and medium sized IT consulting firms.

• Calendar of Events

11/7/07: The New Immigration Law & What it Means to NW Employers and The New Non- Competition Law and How to Prepare from 3:30 to 7 p.m. in Portland. Cost: \$30/person.

11/13/07: Hood River PubTalk. Admission \$10. See related article in this newsletter

11/15/07: Job Networking Event, 4 to 6 p.m. at Oak Grove Restaurant in Hood River. Contact Amanda at amanda@crgta.org or 541-296-2266 to participate.

11/27/07: Gorge Technology Alliance November meeting, 6:30 p.m. Location TBA. Free to attend.

- **Submit your News!**

If you have news that is pertinent to GTA members or activities, please pass it along to Amanda at amanda@crgta.org. News items are needed by the end of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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