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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.

• **Gorge Analytical Profile**

Gorge Analytical provides consulting and analytical services to the biofuels industry. They are one of the few labs in the Pacific Northwest equipped to analyze and certify biofuels to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards. Owner, Jeff Fetkenhour, recently established Gorge Analytical in Hood River and is excited about the proximity of his business to existing and anticipated new biofuel producers in the Pacific Northwest.

Currently, there are thirteen tests which are required for biofuels, about half of which are necessary for every production lot and the remainder must be completed monthly, semiannually or annually.

In addition to testing, Gorge Analytical provides consulting services to new producers to help them understand necessary tests and optimize the process. They are committed to providing these services initially to ensure that biofuel lots produced will meet ASTM standards, decreasing the cost to the producers by reducing the need for reprocessing material.

Gorge Analytical is positioned to start and operate with necessary state of the art testing equipment. There are two individuals with the company- Jeff and his wife Michelle- but the company plans to expand to four employees within the next 18 months.

• **GTA brochure**

The Gorge Technology Alliance has published a brochure

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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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was created by GTA member, Nayland Wilkins Photography and Design. To view an electronic copy, [click here.](#)

• **Take the GTA survey**

The Gorge Technology Alliance leadership has designed a short survey to assess its services and programs and to help design future activities for its members or potential members. We have designed this survey to get a better understanding of your opinion of the GTA'S goals, how we can improve meetings, and determine which meeting topics are important to your business.

[Click here to take survey.](#)

• **Klickitat County Awarded \$1 million to Develop Industrial Property**

Klickitat County has been awarded a million dollar grant/loan package to develop 35 acres of industrial property at Columbia Gorge Regional Airport in Dallesport, Washington. Project funding is made available from the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) which provides industrial development assistance in rural Washington.

The Dallesport project includes providing domestic and fire flow water, sewer, roads and communication lines to a planned 17 lots to be made available for lease to airport related and light industry tenants.

- **Insitu Announces Addition of the Integrator**

Insitu, Inc. announced that it has designed and is presently conducting development flight tests on a new UAS known as INTEGRATOR. In response to warfighter requests Insitu created the Integrator system to modularly meet a broad range of mission needs and capabilities

- **Hood River PubTalk September 11th**

Join the Hood River Pub Talk on Tuesday, September 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Horse and Hound Pub in Hood River.

Pub Talk is an informal event that provides time for networking, a presentation by a keynote speaker, and pitches to the audience by two early stage companies. These early stage companies are most commonly seeking advisors or capital investment. Horse and Hound is located at 403 Oak Street in Hood River (look for the British Flag).

5:30 p.m. networking; 6:30 p.m. Keynote speaker; 7:00 p.m. early stage company presentations. \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

To RSVP contact Bill Fashing at bill.fashing@co.hoodriver.or.us or 541-387-6863.

- **PubTalk Seeks Business Presenters**

Have a business idea, plan, or other concept that you think has potential? PubTalk is an opportunity for you to present your idea to an audience including potential investors. Each PubTalk includes two presentations by area businesses seeking funding to take their business to the next stage.

Organizers of the PubTalks are currently soliciting businesses interested in presenting at future events. Two events are scheduled for later this year. PubTalks will be held on September 11 and November 13 at 5:30 p.m. Other events will be scheduled for 2008.

In order to qualify as a presenter a firm is required to submit an executive summary of their business plan.

For additional information on this opportunity contact Mary Merrill at the CGCC Small Business Development Center at 541-506-6120, or Bill Fashing at Hood River County at 541-387-6863.

- **Office space for rent**

200 Square Feet for \$195. Downtown Hood River.
Perfect for "Single Shingle" Technology Type.
Great View of the Gorge
Contact Chuck Beardsly at 541.386.5555

- **Interested in Regional Economic Development News?**

Sign up to receive the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District newsletter, featuring economic development news that affects those in Wasco, Sherman, Hood River, Klickitat, and Skamania Counties. To begin receiving a copy of this monthly newsletter, email amanda@mcedd.org.

Previous copies of the newsletter are available online at <http://www.mcedd.org/activities/newsletters.htm>

- **Software Association of Oregon Rafting Trip**

Join the Software Association of Oregon on August 25, 2007 for a rafting trip down the White Salmon River at 1:30 p.m. The SAO is working to establish a chapter in the Gorge area to support software organizations and individuals. Lunch with networking will occur before the rafting adventure. SAO members from throughout the state will be at the event, so come learn about the organization. For more information contact Bryce Yonker at 503-228-5443 or bryce.yonker@sao.org.

- **GTA meeting for September**

There will be no meeting of the GTA in August. The September meeting of the Gorge Technology Alliance will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at the Port of Hood River Boardroom. This meeting will feature a presentation by Entrepreneurs Foundation of the Northwest (EFNW). EFNW assists companies with the implementation of a community involvement program that matches their corporate culture and philanthropic interests with the many needs in the local community. More information about EFNW is available at <http://www.efnw.org/>.

- **Calendar of Events**

8/25/07: Rafting down the White Salmon with SAO at 1:30 p.m.

9/11/07: Hood River PubTalk at 5:30 p.m. at Horse and Hound Pub.

9/25/07: Gorge Technology Alliance meeting featuring a presentation by Entrepreneurs Foundation of the Northwest (EFNW). 6:30 p.m. at Port of Hood River.

- **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.

- **Subscribe/Unsubscribe**

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