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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.

• **Member profile: EPiC RFID, LLC**

This month we introduce EPiC RFID, LLC and co-owner, Owen Minnick. EPiC RFID is a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) integration and consulting firm offering comprehensive business solutions in several verticals.

EPiC RFID focuses on RFID technology based solutions not pursued by many of their competitors. They provide a full solution for a business, offering a complete package of hardware, software, and engineering. They work in a number of verticals, including auto retail sales, agriculture supply, warehouse management systems, government, large industrial plants, and the medical field. Currently, their customer base includes international and domestic clients.

If your business could benefit from an RFID solution or if you would like to discuss potential solutions with EPiC RFID, contact Owen Minnick at 541-285-6085. To learn more about EPiC RFID visit <http://www.crgta.org/MemberProfile.htm>

• **June GTA meeting**

The June meeting of the Gorge Technology Alliance will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Hood River's conference room. GTA meetings provide an opportunity to network with fellow members and also offers a chance to engage in an educational presentation. This month we feature "EMBARQ... not just a green Sprint."

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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The Port's conference room is located in the Marina Center building at 1000 East Port Marina Drive, Hood River, OR 97031. It is adjacent to the Hood River/White Salmon bridge. If you are interested in attending the meeting, reservations can be made to: amanda@crgta.org.

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- **Business Toolkits**

Have you seen the GTA's business toolkits lately?

The toolkits are a central resource to many of the programs, grants, loans and other options that could pertain to your company and contribute to its success. We continue to update this section with new information.

The toolkits are broken out by county and can be viewed on the GTA website: <http://www.crgta.org>

- **Community request: CNC Mill**

information.

Other Port properties:

Port of The Dalles: <http://www.portofthedalles.com>

Port of Hood River: <http://www.portofhoodriver.com>

Port of Klickitat: <http://www.portofklickitat.com>

• **Addressing Challenges of Women Entrepreneurs**

The National Women's Business Council, a bi-partisan federal advisory council, invites all women business owners and entrepreneurs to attend a Town Hall Meeting on June 5, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The town hall meeting will focus on addressing the priorities and challenges of women entrepreneurs. Your participation will help the Council recommend national public policies surrounding women-owned businesses.

Discussion Topics for the meeting include:

- Access to Capital
- Affordable Health Care
- Taxes
- Education and Workforce
- Development
- Procurement

This meeting is free, but space is limited so advance registration is required. To register, or for more information, contact Allison Gilmore at (202) 205-3850 or Allison.gilmore@sba.gov

• **Volunteer Opportunity: Inventors Club**

White Salmon School District instructors Chris Hipkind and John Hadley are working on creating an after school inventors club. Interested in helping brainstorm how to get students interested and excited in the program? Contact Chris Hipkind at chris.hipkind@esd112.wednet.edu.

After the club gets started, there will also be numerous opportunities to engage in mentoring roles with students and to become a member of a student's team.

- **Port of Hood River Marina Center Building**

The Port of Hood River completed renovation of its Marina Center this spring and moved to new quarters in May. The Port's new address is 1000 East Port Marina Drive.

The Marina Center now has about 1,400 square feet available for lease, zoned for commercial uses. The Port is also working to identify a tenant that will help create jobs at its former location which has just over 2,500 square feet of commercially zoned space available.

In addition, the Port is considering options for the former maintenance area located on the southwest corner of the marina. For additional information, contact the Port of Hood River at 541-386-1645 or visit their website at <http://www.portofhoodriver.com>.

- **Hood River PubTalk**

Join the Hood River Pub Talk on Tuesday, June 5th 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, Marc Cameron, CEO, Daverci Solutions 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.

- **Calendar of Events**

6/5/07- Hood River PubTalk from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Horse & Hound Pub, 403 Oak Street, Hood River, OR 97031

6/5/07- National Women's Business Council Town Hall meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center.

6/11/07- Oregon Cluster Network Leadership Council meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. at One World Trade Center Two

(Plaza Room) at 121 SW Salmon Street in Portland.

6/12/07- "Master Winning Tactics for SBIR Proposals" presented by the Washington Technology Center from 7 to 11 a.m. at Silver Cloud Inn, University District, Seattle.

6/26/07- Gorge Technology Alliance meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Hood River featuring "EMBARQ... not just a green Sprint."

[More events...](#)

- **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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