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Travel Salem Named 100 Best Green Companies to Work For in Oregon

SALEM, ORE. — Travel Salem has been named to the list of “100 Best Green Companies to Work for in Oregon” by *Oregon Business* magazine. The list was announced at an awards luncheon held Wednesday, June 1 at the Nines Hotel in Portland. Travel Salem was one of seven Salem area businesses recognized this year.

“We are committed to maintaining a ‘green company’ and are thrilled to be included in this list that recognizes Oregon’s most sustainable organizations,” said Angie Morris, CEO of Travel Salem.

Travel Salem’s “Green Team,” a group of employees charged with making the workplace more sustainable, led the way in developing an eco-savvy culture with buy-in to sustainable practices. Travel Salem is certified EarthWISE through Marion County’s business environmental assistance program; incorporating sustainable practices in the business such as recycling, reducing waste and saving energy. Travel Salem’s Visitor Center and administrative office was designed with sustainability in mind, using recycled and earth-friendly materials and natural light, among other features. In 2010, the Visitor Center received an award for “Green Building Retrofit of the Year” at the annual Mid-Willamette Valley Green Awards.

The 100 Best Green Companies in 2016 were selected based on employer surveys completed last year by more than 15,000 employees from the for-profit and non-profit sectors. The “100 Best Green Companies to Work For in Oregon” is featured in the June issue of *Oregon Business* magazine, which is out now.

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****Travel Salem is a non-profit organization that promotes Salem and Marion and Polk counties for leisure tourism and convention and event business. The local annual economic impact of the greater Salem area visitor industry is \$553.2 million. Travel Salem manages the Official Salem Area Travel Café/Visitors Center located at the historic Grand Hotel building (181 High St. NE, Salem), two I-5 satellite visitor information locations located at the Best Western Mill Creek Inn (3125 Ryan Dr. SE) and the Red Lion Hotel (3301 Market St. NE), and the Official Salem Area Website www.TravelSalem.com****