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**CITY NAMES FIRST PARTICIPANTS  
IN ‘SMART’ BUSINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM**  
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The City of Spokane honored about 40 businesses at the Spokane City Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, for their implementation of green and sustainable management practices.

These are the first businesses to be recognized or certified under the City’s new SMART Recognition Program. SMART stands for sustainable management of assets, resources, and technology. The program was developed by the City’s Business & Development Services Department in partnership with Avista, Eastern Washington University, and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

“When we asked businesses what we could do to encourage them to adopt these practices, they told us that they needed help marketing their commitment to sustainability to their customers,” says Mayor Mary Verner. “More and more people want to do business with companies that share their commitment to protecting the environment and resources.”

Under the program, businesses can apply to be recognized at either a “participant” or “certified” level in a variety of categories, including energy efficiency, waste reduction and recycling, renewable energy, water conservation, green building, transportation/commute trip reduction, and pollution prevention. Businesses also can seek special “innovation” recognition in each of the categories.

“We hope people will see this as a seal of approval for these businesses,” the Mayor says. “We see it as an additional opportunity to grow our green economy.”

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This is the only such program in Eastern Washington and third statewide. The other programs are in Kirkland and Olympia.

The City will accept applications later this year from other businesses who want to seek this recognition. A more detailed program description is available on the City's web site at [www.developingspokane.org](http://www.developingspokane.org).

Here are the businesses that were recognized by category:

## **Energy Efficiency**

### **Participants:**

- Out There Monthly
- Go Green Directory
- Sonderen Packaging

### **Certified:**

- The Davenport Hotel
- The Spokane Club
- Saranac Building, LLC

## **Green Building**

### **Certified:**

- Saranac Building

### **Innovation:**

- Inland Northwest Built Green(r) (Spokane Home Builder Association)

## **Pollution Prevention**

### **Certified:**

- Sonderen Packaging
- The Spokane Club
- Saranac Building, LLC

### **Innovation:**

- CH2M Hill, Inc

## **Renewable Energy**

### **Certified:**

- Saranac Building, LLC

### **Innovation:**

- The Spokane Club

## **Transportation**

### **Participant:**

- The Spokane Club

### **Certified:**

- Fernwell Associates/Fernwell Building
- Go Green Directory
- Out There Monthly
- CH2M Hill, Inc.
- Sonderen Packaging
- Rings & Things

## **Waste Reduction**

### **Participants:**

- The Spokane Club
- Saranac Building, LLC
- 7th Rail
- Alaskan Lounge
- Bartletts Baker Dozen
- Bigelow's Top Hat
- Boulevard House of Music
- Bolo's Bar and Grill
- Capital Bar and Grill
- Casey's Bar and Grill
- Chapala Mexican Restaurant
- China Dragon
- China Garden
- Country Place
- Double Dribble
- Grocery Boys
- Hill's Restaurant and Lounge
- Jimmy Z's
- Kalico Kitchen
- Kusina Filipina
- Litz's Bar and Grill
- Luigi's Gourmet Inc
- Moxie Restaurant
- Niko's Greek Restaurant
- Red Lion Sports Bar and Barbeque
- Spokane Arena

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- Steer Inn on Division
- Taco John's
- Taste of India
- Wolf Lodge Steakhouse

**Certified:**

- Azar's Restaurant

**Innovation:**

- CH2M Hill, Inc.
- Sonderen Packaging
- Rings and Things

**Water Conservation**

**Participant:**

- CH2M Hill, Inc.
- The Spokane Club

**Innovation:**

- Saranac Building, LLC