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**WASHINGTON CEO MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES LEADERS
IN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Washington CEO Magazine honored 25 Washington companies at its first Green Washington Awards held May 21, 2008 at Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle. Mithun, a Seattle-based architecture firm, received the overall Greenest of the Green prize for its dedication and leadership in advancing sustainable design knowledge. Working with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower center, this architecture firm created an online construction carbon calculator that guides designers, developers, contractors and owners to make decisions to reduce the carbon footprint of a site, from building to landscape.

“This is a company that goes a step beyond, a company that gets it,” said judge Joan Crooks, Washington Environmental Council executive director. Former Governor Dan Evans and Puget Sound Partnership Chair William Ruckelshaus presented the top award to Mithun.

“Our winners distinguished themselves through their strong efforts to address sustainability in the workplace, in the community and in the hearts and minds of their employees and customers,” said Bob Ritter, *Washington CEO* publisher. The evening featured a conversation with former Governor and U.S. Senator Dan Evans before a sell-out audience of 380 guests.

A distinguished panel of judges determined the top performers from nearly 140 entries. Judges were Joan Crooks, executive director of Washington Environmental Council; Jon Naimon, CEO of Light Green Advisors; Ben Packard, director of Environmental Affairs at Starbucks; Gifford Pinchot III, president of Bainbridge Graduate Institute; William Ruckelshaus, Madrona Venture Group; Doug Walker, board vice chair for Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and vice chair of The Wilderness Society.

Sharing the evening's honors were:

Manufacturing:

Nucor Steel Seattle

Runner-up: PrintWest

Services:

Entellium

Runner-up: Parsons Public Relations

Banks:

ShorePacific Bank

Runner-up: WaMu

Government:

City of Bellingham

Runner-up: City of Seattle

Hospitality:

Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat

Runner-up: Hotel Monaco – Seattle

(Kimpton)

Retail:

REI

Runner-up: PCC Natural Markets

Architecture

Runner-up: NBBJ

Building/Construction

Turner Construction

Runner-up: Bennett Homes

Nonprofits

Housing Resources Group

Runner-up: The RE Store

Health Care

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Runner-up: Providence Hospital

Natural Resources/Agriculture

Stemilt Growers

Runner-up: Snoqualmie Winery

Academic

Seattle University

Runner-up: Bastyr University

Special Award:

Seattle Mariners

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