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## Partners for Clean Air business recognition - Gold award winners

## Gold

To win Gold, businesses must comply with all applicable air quality regulations for at least three years and employ additional clean air practices in at least two categories: Energy efficiency; emissions reductions; air pollution prevention practices related to their specific business sector; and transportation, such as commute trip reduction, no idle policies and cleaner fleets.

Business name	<b>Location</b>	Clean air action highlights
Cedarprime	Sumas	Energy efficiency – Installed new compressor, receiver and dryer, resulting in energy savings of almost 200,000 KWH per year.  Transportation – Instituted no idle policy on forklifts.
Commercial Aircraft Interiors	Burlington	Energy efficiency – Upgraded lighting and incorporated use of natural light from skylights.  Transportation – Reduced delivery trucks' trips and mileage through route planning.
Concrete Nor'west	Oak Harbor	Emissions reductions – Reclaimed water used for dust control and readymix process.  Transportation –Using computerized truck tracking system to plan routes, reducing trips and mileage.

Concrete Nor'west Siper Road Pit	Everson	Energy efficiency — Equipped aggregate processing plant with "soft start" electric motors to reduce energy used during startup.  Emissions reductions — Began "wet mining" aggregate feed from electric-powered dredge, reducing the use of diesel-powered equipment (front-end loaders and excavators) and reducing dust during crushing and sorting.  Transportation — Using computerized truck tracking system to plan routes, reducing trips and mileage.
Concrete Nor'west March Point	Anacortes	Energy efficiency – Equipped batch plant with "soft start" electric motors to reduce energy used during startup.  Emissions reductions – Reclaimed water used for dust control and readymix process.  Transportation – Using computerized truck tracking system to plan routes, reducing trips and mileage.
Granite Precasting & Concrete (2011 Platinum winner)	Bellingham	Energy efficiency – Replaced old boiler with high-efficiency, on-demand steam generator, reducing fuel use by 40 percent.  Emission reduction – Replaced gravel with pavement in 2010 and regularly operating a street sweeper, significantly reducing dust.  Transportation – Initiated no-idle policy and reduced truck trips by better organizing truckloads.
Olsen Auto Body and Collision (2010 Platinum winner)	Bellingham	Energy efficiency – Upgraded lighting in 2011.  Air emissions – Changed from solvent-based to water-based paint in 2009 (leading to Platinum award). Water-based paints substantially decrease emissions of hazardous pollutants.  Industry/sector specific - Recognized as a GreenLink shop by the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair (CCAR). Rated four stars through Washington's EnviroStar program. Vacuum system keeps air and shop cleaner. Reduced primer and solvent waste by using priming guns with disposable caps.

Fairhaven Shipyard	Bellingham	Energy efficiency – Replacing lights with energy efficient bulbs, which require 20 percent less electricity, contain 80 percent less mercury and last 60 percent longer.  Emissions reductions – Recycling paint solvent on-site, resulting in 80 percent average recovery rate, reducing solvent purchased and waste shipped offsite.  Transportation – Reducing trips to dispose of solvent waste because of solvent recycling still.
Skagit Grand Central Collision Repair	Burlington	Energy efficiency – Upgraded lighting, heating and cooling. Using Energy Star efficient office and shop equipment.  Emissions reductions – Switched to water-based paint products from solvent-based paints, decreasing emissions of hazardous pollutants.
Teal-Jones Lumber Services	Sumas	Energy efficiency – Replaced lighting throughout plant.  Transportation – Changed production hours to four 10-hour shifts, reducing vehicle trips and saving employees 20 percent travel time.
Trident Seafoods	Anacortes	Energy efficiency – Started installing automatic switches. Installed primary refrigeration unit compressors and condensers with variable speed drives. Upgraded insulation on boilers and heating equipment. Upgraded office heating and cooling systems. Installed high-speed, insulated cold storage doors.  Emissions reductions – Installed system to collect batter and breading dust, which is saved for animal feed instead of going to the wastewater treatment plant. Installed equipment that reduces natural gas consumption.  Industry/sector-specific – Power-sweeping parking lots and paved areas. Installed new stormwater filtration to reduce zinc levels below required limits. Recycling cardboard and paper. Wastewater sludge and fish waste are sent to an anaerobic digester, which produces methane for electricity at a local farm.  Transportation – Only running refrigerator trailers for necessary cooling. Using electric forklifts.