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Solicitation of Interest for Potential Net-Zero Buildings Pilot Program

PORTLAND, Ore. — August 4, 2008 —Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc., is soliciting interest from the commercial new construction market to explore the design of a potential pilot program that would provide premium cash incentives for the construction of commercial buildings with net-zero site energy.

Energy Trust would like to talk to design teams that have net-zero energy projects in Oregon in process to discuss the design and financial barriers for these types of projects. “Energy Trust believes that net-zero buildings are where we need to go. We want to talk to a few real projects to see what it will take to help them get their net-zero buildings built,” said Spencer Moersfelder, business sector manager.

Energy Trust believes that net-zero buildings are an important milestone in the evolution of modern building design and provide valuable environmental and economical benefits. Very few net-zero energy buildings are designed and even fewer are built today because it is technologically difficult and more expensive to design and build to a net-zero standard. Design teams working on a specific project with a net-zero building approach are encouraged to contact Moersfelder at 503-445-7635, or spencer@energytrust.org.

Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to changing how Oregonians use energy by promoting energy efficiency and clean renewable energy for Oregon customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas. For more information, visit the Energy Trust Web site, www.energytrust.org, or call 1-866-368-7878.

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