

# Inner City Strategies

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"This is not a passing fancy"  
"We have a Golden opportunity"  
"This can make a Real difference"

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TO: METRO Regional Facilities Committee

RE: The METRO Headquarters

As residents of the communities adjacent the Lloyd District, and citizens concerned with solid waste reduction, energy efficiency, and related techno-environmental issues, we request that you take the opportunity presented by the move into the old Sears building to create a model demonstration facility for waste reduction and energy conservation in office buildings.

We understand that you have already insisted upon fresh air and the new energy code, for which you are to be commended. There are also several simple design elements that could be incorporated into the facility that would make a huge difference, including:

- maximizing solar access during the winter by placing as many windows as possible along the south side,
- minimizing late spring and summer solar access by placing an overhang above south and west facing windows at the appropriate angle and planting deciduous trees on those sides,
- building open, well-designed stairways at the center of the workspace, encouraging people to use them,
- placing elevators off to the side, discouraging their use,
- placing easy-to-use waste recovery and recycling systems in each work and kitchen area,
- install a passive solar water heating system such as the Copper Cricket from Sage Advance in Eugene

to name a few.

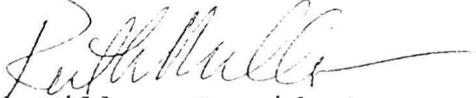
Then, having implemented as many "ideal" solutions as possible, METRO could set up permanent display cards at each, explaining how they work and what the benefits and costs of doing them are. In this way, the METRO Headquarters, now so close to the Convention Center and OMSI, can be a model for all to follow, inviting young people and professionals to learn new approaches, simply by practicing what METRO preaches.

Many of us have been involved with the Eliot Energy House and we know that such techniques work. The house's owner, Responsible Urban Neighborhood Technologies, implemented them in the early '80s and hundreds of people have gone thru the facility to learn how to make their own homes more environmentally friendly and efficient. We heartily endorse the approach and would be glad to

work with METRO Council, staff, and contractors to provide insights from our experience.

This move is an unprecedented opportunity. With it, you can create a workspace that truly serves your employees while creating a learning opportunity for the community. Please take advantage of it.

Sincerely,



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