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### **THE CITY OF PORTLAND RECOGNIZES AZUMANO TRAVEL WITH A RECYCLEWORKS AWARD**

**PORTLAND, OREGON (May 7, 2008)**— One-third of the waste a typical business throws away is paper that could be recycled instead of buried in a landfill. But Azumano Travel and other Portland businesses are starting a new trend. Practicing sustainable purchasing and educating employees to make a positive impact, RecycleWorks award winners are raising the bar on waste reduction. The City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development recently presented Azumano Travel with the distinctive award made locally from reclaimed bicycle parts.

RecycleWorks award winners commit to going beyond recycling with activities that range from reducing paper use to purchasing at least 30 percent post-consumer recycled paper; using durable dishware for catered events; buying green power and offering a subsidy to employees using alternative transportation.

Azumano Travel was the first travel agency in the country to green all office facilities with renewable energy offsets, the reduction of waste and the implementation of recycled products. The agency has committed to donating excess office supplies to the non-profit Schoolhouse Supplies; developing a company-wide Green Team to continually look at improving office practices; reducing copy-paper use substantially by administering electronic itineraries and invoices to clients, and; purchasing environmentally preferable paper products such as 30% recycled content copy paper, business cards, promotional materials and more.

"We are very proud to receive the RecycleWorks award," said Azumano president and CEO Sho Dozono. As a community we must respect and preserve our natural resources. A common sense approach will not only protect the environment for future generations of Portlanders, but provide economic opportunities throughout our city."

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Within the travel industry, Dozono has engaged travel suppliers regarding the benefits and ease of offsetting their carbon footprint with Green Tags. This method is in cooperation with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, a Portland based non-profit.

The RecycleWorks award is a program of the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development's Recycle at Work program. Learn more about Recycle at Work and other business assistance programs—including green building and energy efficiency—at [www.portlandonline.com/osd](http://www.portlandonline.com/osd).

**Azumano Travel** was founded in 1949 in Portland, Oregon, and is a member of the American Express Representative Travel Network. Azumano is a multifaceted enterprise with a combined staff of 250 and sales revenues of more than \$217 million. The company has offices in Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene in Oregon; Vancouver, Seattle, and Redmond in Washington, and an office in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information, visit [www.azumano.com](http://www.azumano.com).

**The Portland Office of Sustainable Development (OSD)** brings together community partners to promote a healthy and prosperous future for Portland. OSD advances improvements and innovation in energy use and technologies, waste disposal, recycling, sustainable purchasing, sustainable economic development and high-performance green building practices. OSD programs, policies and partnerships are key to community health, economic and environmental opportunities for Portland, its businesses and residents.

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