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DEA lessens carbon footprint by cutting employee commutes

PORTLAND, Ore. – June 8, 2009 – Beginning today, the employees of David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) will be enjoying every other Friday off as a result of the company adopting an alternative workweek schedule to reduce its carbon footprint caused by employee commuting. Employees will continue working 80 hours or more in a two-week period, but those hours will be worked over nine days instead of ten.

“We have made the commitment to reduce our carbon footprint by 10 percent in 2009,” said COO Jay Lyman. “We believe the change in work schedules will significantly reduce commute-related carbon emissions.”

DEA has already committed to “greening” 100 percent of its firm-wide energy usage through the purchase of Green Tags, also known as renewable energy credits. Additionally, DEA uses video conferencing to reduce the travel related to regularly scheduled meetings and has active sustainability committees in each of its 20 offices. DEA recently was named by Oregon Business Magazine as the 17th Greenest Company to Work For in the state.

DEA’s core purpose is, “To improve the quality of life while demonstrating stewardship of the built and natural environments.” Its sustainability efforts are directly tied to achieving its core purpose.

Since its founding in 1976 in Portland, Ore., DEA has become a recognized leader for progressive and sustainable design and management solutions for complex transportation, land development, energy, and water resources projects nationwide. DEA’s multi-disciplinary teams partner with clients to tailor solutions to meet the unique needs of each project. The firm has more than 20 offices in seven states and employs more than 800 people firm wide. Its staff includes professional engineers, surveyors, planners, landscape architects, and natural resources scientists. DEA is an employee-owned corporation and consistently ranks among ENR’s Top 100 Pure Design firms in the U.S.

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