

Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase Smart Business Partner of the Year Awards - September 13, 2017

- The Smart Business Partner award recognizes large and small businesses who practice outstanding commitment to sustainable business practices.
- If you are interested in reducing your overhead costs by reducing energy, materials, waste, or water, take a Smart Business Partner brochure before you leave this evening.
- This year's Smart Business Partner nominees combined reduced
 - Over 1 million kilowatt hours of **electricity**
 - Over 4,000 gallons of **fuel**
 - Almost 10 million tons of **carbon dioxide equivalent**
 - Over 160 million gallons of **water**
 - Almost 90,000 pounds of **materials**
 - Almost 150 pounds of **toxic materials**
 - Over 170,000 pounds of **waste** kept out of the landfill

The materials and waste reduction was accomplished by refurbishing and reusing materials, recycling, and making systems changes.

Nominees in the small business/organization category:

Associated Appraisers of Walla Walla – New Partner in 2017

- Offer real property appraisal services for Eastern Washington and Northwest Oregon
- One of their major reductions was their HVAC bill, which resulted from selecting an insulated roofing material that also conserved resources by containing recycled content and no toxic materials

Walla Walla Wastewater Treatment Plant – Partner since 2014

- Manages and treats the City of Walla Walla's wastewater
- One of their major accomplishments was reusing over 4 million pounds of biosolids recovered from your and my sewage

2017 Winner of Small Business/Organization: Associated Appraisers of WW

Nominees in the large business/organization category:

Washington State Penitentiary – Partner since 1995

- Correctional facility that offers college courses, reuse of materials, and scientific research opportunities for inmates
- One of their major reductions was over 1 million kWh of electricity by installing more energy efficient equipment and transitioning to LED lighting

Whitman College

- A liberal arts college which encourages scholarship, creativity, character and responsibility
- One of their major reductions was 10 million tons of greenhouse gases by offsetting them with renewable energy certificates and their purchase of 100% post-consumer recycled content copy paper, paper towels, and toilet paper

2017 Winner of Large Business/Organization: Whitman College