



Dan Preston Honored with Tri-City Region Alumnus of Distinction Award

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA -- 2/21/2012 - - The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce announced today that Dan Preston is the latest recipient of the annual Tri-City Region Alumnus of Distinction Award for his previous work with Advanced Technologies, Inc., a Hanford contractor. Mr. Preston will present as keynote speaker for the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on March 28.

Mr. Preston is currently CEO of Eagle Harbor Holdings on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Throughout his career he has founded and led six technology companies, and is a named inventor on more than 75 patents and applications pending, spanning technology in fields such as vehicle entertainment, vehicle safety and vehicle communications (Telematics).

Telematics can be defined as the convergence of telecommunications and information processing in a vehicle. The term has evolved to encompass automation in automobiles, such as emergency warning systems for vehicles, GPS navigation, integrated hands-free cell phones, wireless safety communications and automatic driving assistance systems, to name a few. Under Mr. Preston's leadership and invention, Eagle Harbor Holdings has spent the previous decade developing a patent portfolio and working systems to enable products such as Bluetooth use in a vehicle, blind spot information systems, lane departure warning systems, adaptive cruise control, automated parking assist, and engine sensor data systems. In recent years Mr. Preston expanded the capabilities of Eagle Harbor Holdings with subsidiaries to include technologies for large-scale leaching methods to extract precious metals from electronic waste, and leaching methods for removing toxic metals from coal fly ash to make "clean" commercial filler for products like artificial soil, fertilizers, and filler for the paper industry, as a few examples.

"We're never at a loss for new ideas at Eagle Harbor Holdings," stated Mr. Preston, who writes all patents for the company. "In the past 6 months we've had 7 new patents issue for the automotive space, with 17 patent applications pending with the US Patent Office, and more on the way. My team has me pretty well figured out. I go in my office, put headphones on, and invent things. It's my team's job to 'break' my inventions, and tell me why something won't work. From that, we come up with solutions for the finished product, with the ultimate goal of benefitting our partner-manufacturers."

At the request of WSU engineering professor Dr. Marvin Pitts, Mr. Preston was asked to teach WSU Senior engineering students the process of invention, including patent development and patent writing. Classes take place at the Eagle Harbor Holdings offices and began in December 2011, where two teams were formed each around a concept with the goal of developing a patentable idea that would result in a patent filing. Mr. Preston stated: "I now feel both teams are onto something unique. Doing patent writing in a real world setting will give these students an advantage in the job market, not to mention we all may someday be using what they invent." In addition to the instruction provided, Eagle Harbor Holdings will underwrite the cost of the patent prosecution at no obligation to the students.

About Eagle Harbor Holdings, LLC

Eagle Harbor Holdings is a developer of new technologies that range from automotive to industrial waste remediation; our focus is "Bench to Business". EHH Staff are named inventors on more than 200 issued patents. EHH cofounders, Dan Preston and Joe Preston, were also founders of Airbiquity, and the Preston inventions have been implemented with customers that include General Motors OnStar, BMW and Ford for their Connected Services.

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