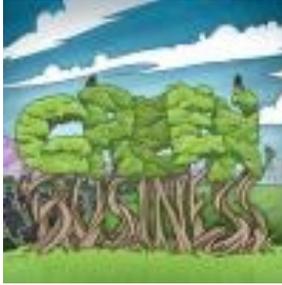


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A decade or two ago, efforts to reduce the impacts of business on the environment were singular, quixotic and viewed with a measure of suspicion. These days, “going green” has become the standard rather than the exception. Companies in Utah have enthusiastically embraced efforts like the Clear the Air Challenge, and many of the firms building new headquarters in this post-recession period are taking pains to both design for energy efficiency and to include features like bike racks and electric car charging stations.

But there are companies that are going above and beyond. Here, we pay tribute to the individuals and businesses that are digging deep to eliminate waste, promote alternate transit options, incorporate renewable energy sources and drive green innovation forward. Join us in celebrating these Green Business champions. -

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Hamlet Homes

Thinking about the people who will live in their houses for decades to come motivates Hamlet Homes to build them as earth- and health-friendly as possible.

Among their efforts to make their houses green are installing high-efficiency furnaces, using 2x6 walls for greater insulation, and offering some recycled flooring choices, says Phil Mosher, marketing manager for Hamlet Homes.

The roofs are also designed to be solar-ready, helping make the process of going a little off the grid easier for interested homeowners, he says. In addition, the homes are built with a plastic barrier and a ventilation pipe from the foundation through the roof to keep the air inside free of radon, a naturally occurring vapor.

Mosher says the measures help make sure the houses Hamlet is building make for as healthy an environment as possible for both the residents and the planet.

“You want to think of the health of the people who will be living in your home and also the offspring of all of us in the future,” he says. “You want to use products that you could feel safe of any one of your family members living in the house. We only have one earth.”

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