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Local manufacturer Sun Hydraulics is Sarasota County's newest Green Business Partner

Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership has awarded its newest certification to Sun Hydraulics Corporation, a leading designer and manufacturer of high-performance hydraulic cartridge valves and manifolds for fluid power systems. The company, which is located at 1500 W. University Parkway in Sarasota, has operations throughout the world, with its two Florida facilities operating as the primary locations for cartridge manufacturing.

According to Sun Hydraulics CEO Allen Carlson, being environmentally friendly is good corporate citizenship as well as good business practice. "There is much that all of us can do both individually and collectively that make a difference now and for future generations," said Carlson. "This partnership gave us some ideas and tools to improve what we had already been doing."

Carlson said that Sun Hydraulics has worked closely with Florida Power and Light to implement cutting-edge energy technologies, like its ice-chilling system for air conditioning. The company also recycles its paper, aluminum and process by-products.

"Sun Hydraulics has a comprehensive recycling system that includes metal shavings from their milling processes," said Sarasota County Recycling Coordinator Tom Franklin. "Their stormwater pollution prevention measures ensure the protection of the pond adjacent to their property and they are currently researching the addition of solar power as a supplementary energy source for their facilities."

The Green Business Partnership was initiated under a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant and is open to all businesses in Sarasota County that implement required resource conservation measures and pass an on-site certification assessment. Each certified business receives a Green Business Partnership certificate and seal they can display to demonstrate their commitment to a healthy environment. They also receive an electronic logo that can be used on company stationary and promotional items.

Sun Hydraulics is now listed in a Green Business Partnership directory that is available online at the Green Business Web site, www.scgov.net/greenbusiness.

The Green Business Partnership is actively seeking other participants. For more information or to request a Green Business Partnership packet, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask to speak with the county's Recycling Coordinator.

For more information on the businesses currently certified visit www.scgov.net/greenbusiness and click on the link entitled, "Participating Businesses."