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Bee Ridge Lighting & Design brightens Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership

One of the area's largest design-oriented lighting showrooms is lighting up Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership. Bee Ridge Lighting & Design, 3909 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, has 28,000 feet of display space and caters to homeowners, custom home builders and architects. Its lighting fixtures have been featured in the American Society of Interior Design show house, as well as in models for local homebuilders.

"We discovered the Green Business Partnership while researching local green initiatives online," said Rob Darr, assistant manager for Bee Ridge Lighting & Design. "We are a member of the Sarasota Home Builder Associations Green Business Council and have supplied lighting to another Green Business Partner, Local Coffee & Tea."

Sarasota County Recycling Coordinator Tom Franklin says that Bee Ridge Lighting not only recycles efficiently, but has also taken steps to recover and reuse light bulbs and light sockets. "The company is constantly looking for ways to reduce waste and save energy," Franklin said.

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.

Bee Ridge Lighting 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 under the program, visit www.scgov.net/greenbusiness and click on the link entitled, "Participating Businesses."