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Five new members join Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership

Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership has added five new members to a community of companies that are demonstrating their commitment to a healthy environment for employees and the community at large:

ADAMO Insurance Group Inc. / Allstate: ADAMO's environmental program is fully integrated into its business. The company, which purchases recycled content office furniture, has moved to paperless operations and has removed all unnecessary lighting. ADAMO is also working with its property manager to ensure the entire facility is as green as it can be.

Anexio Inc.: Anexio is a technology company that manages day-to-day IT operations and provides IT security for small businesses. The company effectively communicates its environmental goals during staff meetings and new employee orientation. It recycles and has reduced its energy output by switching to compact fluorescent bulbs, eliminating unnecessary lighting, and using an Energy Management System to automatically turn off idle equipment. The company also promotes carpooling and minimizes on-site visits to client to reduce fuel usage.

S&S Plumbing LLC / Bob Rizi Plumbing: This family-owned and operated company has been serving Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte Counties since 1987. S&S encourages employee participation through daily staff meetings and other training sessions. The company has reduced its paper use by using scrap paper for notepads. It is also using its Florida Power & Light energy audit to identify measures to reduce its energy use, including removing excess fluorescent bulbs. The company plans daily work assignments to reduce mileage and fuel.

Integrated Data Systems LLC and Infinity Estate Properties LLC: Integrated Data Systems and Infinity Estate Properties are home-based businesses that have applied sustainable environmental practices for years. Both companies demonstrate their

commitment to environmental stewardship in several ways: by using reclaimed lumber and other recovered materials when they renovated their home base; recycling and reusing computer equipment; reusing packing material; and using fuel-efficient vehicles.

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.

These five businesses are now part of 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.

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

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