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Altus Poles Wins Responsible Energy Production “Concept to Company” Contest

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SALT LAKE CITY, Sep. 21, 2009 – [Grow Utah Ventures, Zions Bank, USTAR, Workman Nydegger, Ballard Spahr and CFO Solutions](#) today announced Altus Poles as the grand prize winner in the Responsible Energy Production “Concept to Company” Contest.

Altus Poles has developed a unique braiding device for the fabrication of fiber-grid pole structures. These pole structures effectively combine the properties of advanced composite fiber/resin systems with grid designs to yield pole structures with extremely high strength-to-weight ratios. The braiding device enhances critical properties of the fiber/resin system while allowing mass production, which previously has not been possible. The braided poles will be used in all facets of energy production as an inexpensive, lightweight alternative to metal and wood support structures such as power poles. The company is based in Mapleton, Utah.

“The winners of this contest exemplify the depth of Utah’s entrepreneurial spirit and business know-how,” [said T. Craig Bott, President and CEO of Grow Utah Ventures](#). “We are confident they will become viable businesses and help to stimulate the state’s economy through entrepreneurship.”

Sustainable Energy Solutions and Anaerobic Digestion Technologies took home the runner-up prizes:

- **Sustainable Energy Solutions’** Cryogenic Carbon Capture is a unique system that reduces CO₂ emission from stationary sources such as refineries.
- **Anaerobic Digestion Technologies’** Biogas Conditioning System is a conditioning system that removes corrosive chemical contaminants from biologically produced methane gas streams.

The contest was held in Vernal, Utah due to the strong energy production economies in Eastern Utah.

“This contest has been great for the Uintah Basin,” said Rob Behunin, Utah State University Special Assistant to the President. “It has highlighted the economic strength of the region and illustrated the potential the regional economy offers businesses throughout the state.”

The “Concept to Company” competitions are ongoing innovation contests held in various regions across the state of Utah. The main objectives of the contests are to encourage and support Utah’s entrepreneurial innovators with the intent of helping them turn their concepts into a company. Each competition focuses on a different industry and matches the unique entrepreneurial strengths of that particular region. The next contest will be in Ogden, Utah and will focus on outdoor recreation. The application deadline is October 18th.

For more information on the “Concept to Company” contests, including future contests visit www.concepttocompany.org.

About Grow Utah Ventures

Grow Utah Ventures, is a privately funded not-for-profit organization dedicated to stimulate, unlock and develop the entrepreneurial talent and early stage business opportunities for value creation across Utah. Comprised of a team of successful and experienced entrepreneurs, business leaders and private investors, Grow Utah Ventures accomplishes its mission by

- Identifying, selecting and recognizing accomplished and promising Utah entrepreneurs,
- Building a statewide community of outstanding entrepreneurs and those interested in promoting entrepreneurial development,
- Partnering with organizations, companies and investors seeking to support Utah's best entrepreneurs,
- Rallying community leadership and financial resources to support entrepreneurial development.

For more information about Grow Utah Ventures, visit www.growutahventures.com.

About Zions Bank

Zions Bank is Utah's oldest financial institution, and is the only local bank with statewide distribution of branches, operating 114 full-service branches throughout Utah. Zions Bank also operates 24 full-service branches in Idaho, and nearly 200 ATMs throughout Utah and Idaho. In addition to a wide range of traditional banking services, Zions offers a comprehensive array of investment and mortgage services, and has a network of loan origination offices for small businesses nationwide. The company is also a leader in providing electronic banking services, including electronic municipal bond trading. Founded in 1873, Zions has been serving the communities of Utah for more than 135 years. Additional information is available at www.zionsbank.com.

About USTAR

The Utah Science Technology and Research initiative (USTAR) is a long-term, state-funded investment to strengthen Utah's "knowledge economy" and generate high-paying jobs. Funded in March 2006 by the State Legislature, USTAR is based on three program areas. The first area involves funding for strategic investments at the University of Utah and Utah State University to recruit world-class researchers. The second area is to build state-of-the-art interdisciplinary facilities at these institutions for the innovation teams. The third program area involves teams that work with companies and entrepreneurs across the State to promote science, innovation, and commercialization activities. For more information, go to www.innovationutah.com or follow <http://twitter.com/Innovationutah>.

About Workman Nydegger

Based in Salt Lake City, W|N has earned recognition as one of the top patent prosecution and intellectual property litigation firms in the nation. The firm represents a wide array of clients in all areas of intellectual property law, including patent, trademark, copyright, unfair competition, and related litigation and licensing matters.

About Ballard Spahr

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP traces its origins to 1885 and became known as "Ballard and Spahr" in the early 1900s when Ellis Ames Ballard and Boyd Lee Spahr began practicing law together. The firm has grown to be one of the largest law firms in the country, with over 550 attorneys and 12 offices located throughout the United States. As a large, multi-practice, multi-regional law firm, Ballard Spahr is able to combine a national scope of practice with strong local market knowledge to represent companies, individuals, and other entities in virtually every state and country around the world.

About CFO Solutions

CFO Solutions LC is Utah's largest and oldest outsourced financial and accounting services provider. The CFO Solutions team has collectively amassed over 250 years of combined

experience managing the finance and accounting functions for small to medium size companies that don't need or cannot afford full time staff in those functions. Our experiences cover dozens of industries including; Software, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Biotechnology, Retail, Distribution, High Tech, Real Estate and more. Since its founding in 1996, CFO Solution's clients have raised over \$470 Million in equity, debt and lease financing with our support.

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