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-Mark Carpenter, President, Columbia Green Technologies, Inc.

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Multnomah County Central Library first in Oregon to have 'eco-roof'

(Tualatin, Ore. – Dec. 17, 2008) – **Multnomah County Central Library** is sporting a new "eco-roof." Unveiled by the county a month ago, the \$180,000 roof replaces the former leaking structure with one that is expected to eventually defray its cost with the structure's overall energy savings.

The county's main library branch is the first in Oregon to house an "eco-roof" – a structure that uses plants to help clean the air and control storm water.

Kat West, sustainability manager with the Multnomah County Sustainability Program, noted that alternative roofs are important because they mimic the function of a natural meadow.

"Their many benefits include minimizing the runoff of rainwater and pollution into our rivers, saving money on energy costs and thereby climate change impacts, they mitigate the heat island effect, and they save money by extending the lifespan of a roof," West noted. "Multnomah County has more than 25 adopted sustainability policies and eco-roofs are tangible examples of our commitment to a sustainable future."

The library's eco-roof, which covers a total of 7,188 square feet, contains more than 17,000 various sedums and grasses. The technology itself is unique in that it uses a patented interlocking tray **AVRS™ (Advanced Vegetative Roof System)** technology manufactured by **Columbia Green Technologies, Inc.** The General Contractor on the project was **Snyder Roofing of Oregon, LLC.**

Columbia Green Technologies Founder Mark Carpenter said his AVRS assembly met the county's need for sustainability and cost effectiveness.

"Our patented interlocking tray system is the leading technology in green roofs," he said. "The AVRS product becomes an integral part of the building structure."

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