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National Environmental Education Foundation Named 'Great Place to Work'
More than 200 vied for Washingtonian Magazine yearly honor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *Washingtonian Magazine* named the National Environmental Education Foundation as one of the area's best places to work in its November 2009 issue.

More than 200 companies and nonprofits vied for the honor. *Washingtonian* writers and editors reviewed more than 13,000 employee surveys before selecting 50 "Great Places to Work."

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) was recognized for its green and carbon-neutral office, its flexible work hours, a bike share program, staff nature walks and professional development that range from a meditation and relaxation session to lunchtime guest speakers discussing environmental issues.

"We have a creative and dedicated group that makes this a great place to work," said Diane Wood, president of the National Environmental Education Foundation. "They are committed to making a positive difference. They do it with tremendous energy and a sense of fun. It's a great honor for the foundation and for our staff to be recognized."

In addition to ranking benefits, pay, work-life balance, financial stability, commitment to community and challenging and interesting work, *The Washingtonian* relied upon employee surveys to determine which companies would be named "Great Places to Work."

"I know—and see every day—that my work makes a difference," wrote Sara Espinoza, director for NEEF's Earth Gauge program, in her survey response to the magazine.

Congress chartered the foundation in 1990 to advance environmental knowledge and action nationwide.

Through diverse programming, including the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands, a health initiative seeking to reduce childhood asthma, a week-long environmental education effort that includes more than 4.5 million students and 2,500 partners and a program to encourage the integration of environmental education in high school education, NEEF provides knowledge to live by.

For more information about NEEF, visit our Web site, www.neefusa.org.

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Knowledge to Live By

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) provides knowledge to trusted professionals who, with their credibility, amplify messages to national audiences to solve everyday environmental problems. Together, we generate lasting positive change.

NEEF partners with professionals in health, education, media, business and public land management to promote daily actions for helping people protect and enjoy the environment. Through our primary programs -- Classroom Earth, National Public Lands Day, National Environmental Education Week, Business and Environment, Earth Gauge® and Health & Environment -- we offer Americans knowledge to live by. To learn more, call (202) 833-2933 or visit www.neefusa.org.