



CITY OF SEATAC BUILDING SERVICES MANAGER HONORED WITH 2011 BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Gary Schenk recognized by Washington Association of Building Officials

SeaTac, Wash. (July 14, 2011) --The City of SeaTac Building Services Manager Gary Schenk, has been awarded the “2011 Building Official of the Year” by the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO). Mayor Terry Anderson recently presented the award to Mr. Schenk at the July 12th City of SeaTac council meeting.

“Gary was instrumental in establishing the Accredited Code Official program, which raises the level of professionalism of our industry,” said Washington Association of Building Officials President, Cindy Meyer. “He has devoted many years to making the organization a successful association. He never misses a WABO meeting, volunteers on several committees and is always willing to help in any way possible. His fierce defense of our profession is very much appreciated.”

The WABO Building Official of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Washington Association of Building Officials and to building officials throughout Washington. Criteria for the award are contribution to WABO, promotion of WABO ideals, philosophy and goals, and contribution to building safety on a statewide level.

“Gary has been a strong leader of the Building Division since his arrival in SeaTac five years ago,” said City Manager, Todd Cutts. “In that short period of time the City has won a number of statewide awards for the creative work of Gary’s division, including the Outstanding Educational Award and the Jurisdictional Outreach Award. This recognition of Gary and his team’s work is well-deserved”

About WABO:

The Washington Association of Building Officials is a nonprofit, professional association of state, county, city and town officials in Washington State engaged in the development, enforcement and administration of building construction codes and ordinances. Its nearly 400 members (both governmental and associate) consist of building officials and inspectors, plan reviewers, architects, structural engineers and others interested in providing safe buildings for our communities.

About the City of SeaTac

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 25,230. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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