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**Portland Habilitation Center NW and LightPower Canada, Deliver State-of-the-Art LED lighting to 2010 winter Olympics**

*All profit earned will benefit people with disabilities*

Portland, Oregon February 8, 2010—Just one year after developing and hosting the largest solar array in Oregon, the team at Portland Habilitation Center Northwest (PHCNW) is diving head first into its next social venture. PHCNW is providing over 100 LED lights that will be used in the city of Richmond B.C. for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

“The beauty of this project is that we are doing business with a venue where millions of people internationally will see our work,” said Massoud Mollaghaffari, the general manager for the industrial division at PHCNW. “This is the first time any venue in the Olympic structure is using high-efficiency LED lights that are designed by our partner LightPower and manufactured by us, which makes this pretty significant.”

Power consumption reduction, smart and efficient lighting level control, low-maintenance cost, reduced light pollution, better quality of light and maximum CRI are some of the benefits of these LED lighting systems.

“LEDs are innovative because they consume less energy, last longer and are smaller,” said John Murphy, President and CEO for PHCNW. “They are rapidly improving, and we felt that the technology was at a point where it’s beginning to take hold in a commercial way.”

Mollaghaffari said the industrial department is in the process of assembling 14 different LED products such as: recessed lighting, street lights, cabinet lighting, etc.

“It’s a great partnership opportunity as long as both organizations hold true to their roles,” Murphy said. “Fortunately, each of us understands our role and works independently. We feel confident about the technology, our partnership with LightPower and look forward to what’s in store.”

**About Portland Habilitation Center Northwest (PHCNW)**

PHCNW has provided nearly 60 years of broad-based educational, training and job opportunities (with full union benefits) for thousands of people with developmental, physical and mental disabilities. As a dynamic and forward-thinking industry leader, PHCNW’s diversified business lines have allowed it to help employees develop the technical skills required to earn living wages in a variety of occupations, thus enabling them to pay taxes and empowering them to raise families and live independently. PHCNW’s influence extends into the general community through provision of affordable housing programs, and environmental stewardship in the form of developing and hosting the largest contiguous solar energy array in the Pacific Northwest region. [www.phcnw.com](http://www.phcnw.com)

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