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## Three new members join Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership

Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership has added three new members to a community of companies that are demonstrating their commitment to a healthy environment for employees and the community at large:

**Doctor's Hospital of Sarasota:** Doctor's Hospital of Sarasota is a 168-bed acute and general care facility serving Sarasota and Manatee counties. Using the Green Business Partnership application as its environmental program model, Doctor's has formed a Green Team comprised of a cross-section of staff members. Its environmental program has already reduced the hospital's environmental impacts with installation of rain sensors on outdoor sprinklers, the conversion of employee records to electronic storage, the removal of excess fluorescent bulbs, and the switch to a pest control company that practices green pest control. The hospital's new Linen Conservation Initiative program has already saved more than 50,000 kWh of electricity, 10,000 gallons of water and \$56,000 in operating costs. Doctor's has integrated environmental stewardship into all facets of its operations, including administration, maintenance and patient care.

**Snelling Staffing Services:** This Dallas-based company delivers temporary, career and professional staffing solutions to companies in every region of the country and has been operating in the Sarasota market for more than 10 years, specializing in placing candidates in "temporary," "temporary to hire" and "direct hire" opportunities. In addition to instituting measures to reduce its own environmental footprint, Snelling has made a concerted effort to work with its property management company to improve the performance of the entire building.

**Coastal Chemical & Paper Supply:** Coastal Chemical has been providing janitorial and sanitation supply products to commercial and residential customers for more than 40 years. Coastal now offers 4,000 in-stock items that are available for next-day delivery. The company also offers more than 30,000 special order items and recently introduced a new environmentally sustainable product line. Coastal has used the Green Business Partnership process to reduce its environmental impact and business costs. It implemented several energy conservation measures recommended by its Florida Power & Light audit.

The Green Business Partnership was initiated under a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant and is open to all businesses in Sarasota County that implement required resource conservation measures and pass an on-site certification assessment. Each certified business receives a Green Business Partnership certificate and seal they can display to demonstrate their commitment to a healthy environment. They also receive an electronic logo that can be used on company stationary and promotional items.

These three businesses are now part of a Green Business Partnership directory that is available online at the Green Business Web site, [www.scgov.net/greenbusiness](http://www.scgov.net/greenbusiness).

The Green Business Partnership is actively seeking other participants. For more information, or to request a Green Business Partnership packet, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

For more information on the businesses currently certified under the program, visit [www.scgov.net/greenbusiness](http://www.scgov.net/greenbusiness) and click on the link entitled, "Participating Businesses."

**Media note:** A JPEG image of the Green Business Partnership logo is attached.

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