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### **Young Professionals International Network to Host Panel with Local Green Tech Industry Leaders**

SEATTLE, January 8, 2010 – The World Affairs Council’s Young Professionals International Network (YPIN) will offer a chance for Seattle’s young professionals to converse and network with Green Technology industry executives and entrepreneurs at an interactive panel on February 23.

The panelists include:

- David Leonhardi, a Business Strategist at Boeing;
- Bryan Guy, Managing Director of Cypress Venture Group;
- Kevin Wilhelm, CEO of Sustainable Business Consulting;
- Clare Nordquist, Director at Cascadia Capital, LLC;
- and two more panelists are to be announced.

The panelists’ firms are all based in Washington State and cover a range of fields within the Green Technology industry, from established corporations to startups, and sustainability consulting to alternative energy development.

“The Green Industry is a vital source of the innovations necessary to meet the global challenges of our day,” said Beth Carter, President of YPIN. “We’re delighted to host a panel with so many professionals at the forefront of this fast growing industry.”

The event will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, at Pravda Studios on 1406 10th Avenue, Suite 200, in Seattle. The cost is \$8 for YPIN members and \$12 for non-members.

The panel discussion will be followed by a book-signing for “Return on Sustainability” by Kevin Wilhelm and a networking reception with appetizers and a cash bar.

To pre-register or for more information, please visit [www.world-affairs.org](http://www.world-affairs.org) or call (206) 441-5910.

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#### ***About the Young Professionals International Network***

*Each week, YPIN convenes young people who share a passion for global issues, educating and empowering the next generation of global leaders. As an extension of the World Affairs Council, YPIN provides professional development and networking via forums on global issues, film screenings, language groups and other internationally-focused gatherings. Most members have spent time overseas or are international expatriates living, studying or working in Seattle. YPIN is run by an all-volunteer board which meets every month to plan and organize events, and is supported by World Affairs Council staff.*

#### ***About the World Affairs Council***

*Since 1951, the World Affairs Council of Seattle has been dedicated to creating opportunities for people in the Greater Seattle region to become more engaged in building a global community. Each of the Council's programs advance a deeper understanding of world events and cultures for community members of all ages and backgrounds. Through public speaker series with global leaders, professional development workshops for K-12 teachers, connecting international visitors with their local professional counterparts, leadership development for community members, and informal networking for young professionals, the World Affairs Council provides activities that enrich Seattle's civic and cultural conversation with global perspectives. As a hub for all things international in Greater Seattle, the World Affairs Council provides professional and social connections for people who share a passion for world affairs.*