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### **Win \$10,000 If You Have a Great Public Space in Your Town**

The Amanda Burden Urban Open Space Award, sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, celebrates and promotes vibrant, successful urban open spaces by annually recognizing and rewarding an outstanding example of a public destination that has enriched and revitalized its surrounding community. The deadline for applications is February 19, 2010. You can download the application [here](#).

### **Oregon to Locate State Offices in Historic Downtowns**

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has signed an executive order directing state agencies to locate state offices in historic downtown areas whenever feasible. The order also encourages state agencies to hold meetings, trainings, and conferences in historic downtown buildings.

### **There's Still Time to Promote Your Local Hardware Store!**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is conducting an online interview series with local hardware store owners about how they are helping homeowners weatherize their older and historic properties. By answering some short survey questions and sending us a photo of their store, your local hardware store owner will receive national publicity at a time when many consumers are seeking ideas and information on saving money at home. Send this link – <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mainstreethardwarestores> – to hardware store owners in your district so they can complete the survey, after which we will contact them to obtain a photo of their store. They can also e-mail photos with permission to use the image to [linda\\_glisson@nthp.org](mailto:linda_glisson@nthp.org).

## **Main Street Allied Services Directory**

"The quality speaks for itself," says Allen T. Large from Dayton, Ohio, about Allied Member, the [Downtown Graphics Network](#). "These guys look out for the customers' best interests." Check out the Main Street buzz on quality consultants and vendors through our [Allied Services Directory](#) where you'll be able to read reviews of Allied Members by your

Main Street peers. If you've worked with a great company or consultant and want to share your experience, please rate the Allied Member in the directory today.

**[Insurance Coverage for Local Businesses](#)**. National Trust Insurance Services offers insurance solutions for various needs from restoration projects to protecting your volunteers. ***But did you know your local businesses can also use National Trust Insurance Services?*** Help your local business owners in historic properties reduce their operating expenses this year by introducing them to this cost-saving and time-saving service. Visit the [National Trust Insurance Services](#) listing for contact information.

**[Planning to Exhibit at this Year's National Main Streets Conference?](#)** Registration to exhibit as a vendor in our Expo Hall will open later this month, but you can find out dates, location, and booth rates now! Visit our [Expo Hall information page](#) for exhibitors.

Looking for a new job? Need to hire new staff? Check out our [Main Street Job Listings](#). If you have a job listing you would like to post, please e-mail the listing to [mainstreet@nthp.org](mailto:mainstreet@nthp.org).