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**STC (NOW INFINIA) FORMS EMPLOYEE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Kennewick, WA, May 13, 2004** – Built on its foundation of commitment to the community Stirling Technology Company (STC) announces the formation of Volunteers in Action (VIA) STC.

The company-supported, employee-run program provides STC employees the opportunity to participate in volunteer activities and support community organizations. “STC has been blessed with talented and dedicated people who recognize the value of meeting commitments,” said J.D. Sitton, STC president and chief executive officer. “One of our key commitments is to improve the quality of life within our communities. VIA STC will enable STC and its employees to meet this commitment in a visible and direct manner.”

VIA STC gives STC employees opportunities to provide service to their communities in two ways, said Sitton. Both require a commitment of the employee’s time or financial support. STC will match employees’ financial contributions and will provide employees with paid time-off to work with non-profit, community-based organizations.

VIA STC is managed by a leadership team of three STC employees, selected on an annual basis by STC’s management team. For 2004, Sitton identified the leadership team as Terry Smith, manager of STC’s space engine program, who chairs the team; Amy Seguin, executive assistant; and Jack Augenblick, STC’s lead design engineer. The team administers the budget, recommends to STC management the three or four sponsored organizations annually, organizes volunteer events in support of the sponsored organizations and reviews and approves employee requests for financial and in-kind gifts to sponsored and/or other community organizations.

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VIA STC's sponsored organizations this year are Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties, the Boys and Girls Club of Benton and Franklin County and Habitat for Humanity.

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“It's especially exciting that STC is encouraging employee involvement with three outstanding organizations,” Theresa Richardson, executive director of the Tri-County Partners Habitat for Humanity told STC employees during the VIA kickoff gathering. “Being involved will build teamwork which builds a stronger community and a stronger company. We are blessed to be able to give because the gift is returned to you – and your community – many times over,” Richardson said.

“STC's growth this past year could not have occurred without an outstanding team of highly skilled, dedicated and committed people,” added Sitton. “We are proud of, appreciate and value their contributions and commitments to our company, to their families and to our community.”

STC is a privately-owned developer, marketer and manufacturer of proprietary Stirling cycle electric power generation, heat and power co-generation, compression and cooling products and technologies which feature high efficiency, long life, low maintenance and multi-fuel flexibility. STC presently employs more than 70 people at its facilities in Kennewick, Washington.

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