



# PEP...TALK

*Partners For Environmental Progress*

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## **2010 Calendar**

### Membership

#### Breakfasts

**January 21**

**March 18**

**May 20**

**July 15**

**September 16**

**November 18**

### Golf Tournament

**May 7**

### Annual Meeting

**April 22**

### Reverse Trade Show

**October 14**

## **SAVE THE DATE!** **10th Annual** **PEP Golf** **Invitational**



**May 7, 2010**  
**Lakewood**  
**Country Club**

**Details to follow**  
**in February!**

## ***Driven Engineering*** **January Membership Breakfast Sponsor**

**Driven Engineering** is a civil engineering and environmental consulting firm that specializes in detailed, high quality services, taking the lead on project management, cutting the red tape, meeting critical path schedules, and helping clients make a smooth transition from concept to completion.

The Driven team has a vast variety of experience, including the design of complicated commercial and industrial sites, streets, drainage, utilities, water and wastewater, railroad design, landfills, and airports. One niche area of expertise is no-rise flood studies and FEMA Flood Insurance Study map revisions projects including numerous complicated modeling and mapping exercises (LOMRs and CLOMRs). They provide Phase 1 and Phase 2 ESAs, tank closures, gas sparging systems, groundwater remediation, landfill groundwater monitoring/testing, and much more.

Driven projects get the full attention and oversight of an experienced, registered professional from inception to completion. Their professionals are licensed in multiple states; the principal is licensed in nine states.

Current large clients include Mobile County Commission, University of South Alabama and Southern Company Services.

Driven's principal engineer and sole owner, Avalisha Fisher, has spent her life living and working in Southwest Alabama. She is active in programs promoted by the Mobile Area Education Foundation, including AT&T Vital Link, and local school career fairs to encourage technical career paths.

Driven Engineering is 100% woman-engineer owned, and is a certified DBE in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. They are also WBENC certified as a WBE, and SBA certified small disadvantaged 8(a) business concern.

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## Be a part of PEP's 2010 Membership Campaign

The best source for new PEP members is you—our current members. We want to reach more like-minded companies committed to sustainability. We need your help.

Please take a minute to think about people and companies you know and share with them the value of a PEP membership. You could win a \$250 gift certificate to the local restaurant or business of your choice if you recruit the most members. *An active and growing membership increases PEP's ability to promote sustainable economic development and stewardship of the environment. It also provides a greater opportunity for business networking opportunities.*

All recruiting companies will be publicly appreciated on the website, in newsletters and more. The campaign ends on April 30th. More details about the membership campaign and PEP's mission are available on the PEP website, [www.pepmobile.org](http://www.pepmobile.org).

### Welcome New Members!

#### Aker Solutions

#### Filters For Industry

Referred by Berg Spiral Pipe Corporation

#### Habitat for Humanity, Mobile County

#### Jim House & Associates

Referred by Akzo Nobel

#### Sustainable EcoSystem Restoration, LLC

#### TIMEC Company, Inc

Referred by Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

#### Zebra Marketing

Referred by Marsal Marketing

**Thank you** referring companies!

*A Clean Environment is Good for Business!*

### Environmental News You Can Use

#### Get it to Go—in a Reusable Mug!

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters recently estimated that last year Americans used **14.4 billion** hot paper cups for coffee on the go. Placed end-to-end, that many cups would circle the world 55 times! **Choose a reusable or travel coffee mug.**

#### Turn it OFF

A **Phantom Load** (power that is being used while an appliance is turned off or not attached to charger- think computer or cell phone) is wasted energy and money. \*The United States spends approximately \$3 billion a year in standby power consumption! Use a power strip to serve as a surge protector and as a simple way to completely turn off all appliances when not in use. (\*Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA)

Source: [www.sustainablebusinessleader.org](http://www.sustainablebusinessleader.org)