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One Northwest startup a finalist at 2012 Cleantech Open

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None of the Northwest startups sent to the 2012 Global Cleantech Forum this month took home a grand prize, but a British Columbia company won the Green Building category title.

[GR Green of Burnaby, British Columbia](#) in Canada, won the nod as the best green building-oriented startup for its recycled roofing product.

The overall winner of the competition was [HEVT, a Chicago startup](#) with energy efficient engine technology. The runner up was

[Rentricity of New York](#), which developed a way to generate electricity from untapped pressure in drinking water pipes.

For the last two years, an Oregon cleantech startup placed at or near the top in the annual startup competition. In 2010, [Beaverton-based Puralytics took home the top national prize](#) while [last year Portland's Indow Windows came in second](#).

This year, [of the three Northwest finalists selected by judges](#), only GR Green brought home a trophy.

The grand prize winner of the competition, in this case HEVT, gets \$250,000 in cash and services to build its business.



The winner of the 2012 Cleantech Open competition was a startup from Chicago. One Northwest startup was named category winner for green building.