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*** PBC Friday, 6/7/13 Charlie Szoradi, Founder and CEO of Independence LED Lighting, LLC

See an elaborate light show and learn how eco-friendly Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) are the future of commercial and residential lighting.

President's Breakfast Club Friday, June 7, 2013

Charlie Szoradi is the Founder and CEO of Independence LED Lighting, LLC a leading US manufacturer of high-efficiency LED tubes and fixtures that save more than 50 percent in energy costs over the less efficient fluorescent tubes that dominate commercial lighting. The Wayne, Pennsylvania firm is gaining an increasing foothold worldwide with patents filed for its energy-saving LED tubes in 40 countries beyond the U.S., including Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and the European Union. The company recently won a 30,000-tube bid for the Republic of Slovakia.



Charlie brings multiple decades of hands on experience to the culture of sustainability and cost-savings for property design and property retrofits. He focuses on 'high performance' architecture, and in the early 90s he wrote his Master of Architecture thesis on sustainable design, entitled 'Eco-Humanism'. He has taken an eco-leadership role at the regional and national level. In 2009, he was elected to the Board of the Sustainable Business Network and selected as a member of the Green Economy Task Force, with direct participation on the Capitol Hill Delegation. The next year, he moved the Company's LED tube manufacturing from China to Boyertown, Pennsylvania. In 2011, Independence LED won the Green Business of the Year Award by the Main Line Chamber of Commerce. The company's customers range from Fortune 100 clients to the U.S. Military, with one of the largest LED Tube retrofits in US History for a national auto service chain.

Prior to Independence LED, Charlie founded and ran GREENandSAVE, a leading efficiency resource focusing on Return on Investment (ROI), that was one of the finalists of the Sustainability Awards. He is inspired by the potential of making environmentally sensitive architecture accessible to mainstream Americans. The design solutions focus on function, style, significant cost-savings, and environmental sustainability.

Charlie graduated from the University of Virginia and went on to earn his Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. He has served as the Senior Lecturer at the University of the Arts and as a consultant to the Philadelphia Office of Recycling. He has traveled extensively throughout Asia, Africa, Central and North America, and Central and Eastern Europe, studying how people build cost-effective and environmentally sensitive homes, commercial structures, and communities. He is a registered architect and lives in Greater Philadelphia with his wife, son, and daughter in their self-sustaining home. He comes from a four generation line of patent holders and US manufacturers.

All members are encouraged to sign-up online for tickets indicating their plans to attend, and to bring guests.

The event is free to Sponsors, Patrons, and PBC Members. For other HBS Philly Club Members and Guests of Members, the cost is \$30 when pre-registered in advance, or \$40 at the door.

This event takes place from 7:30-9:00 a.m. at:

The Union League of Philadelphia
140 South Broad Street - 2nd floor -Lincoln Room
Philadelphia, PA 19102
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