



that the microalgae do not need to be in an optimized state for this technology to be effective." The study examined five toxins that are known to be harmful to humans: diuron, atrazine, paraquat, methyl parathion, and potassium cyanide.

—Oak Ridge National Laboratory

## New Bike Center Set to Open in D.C.

A BIKE CENTER that is said to be the first of its kind on the East Coast is opening this month in Washington, D.C., next to Union Station. The approximately 1,700 sq ft (158 m<sup>2</sup>) building to the west of the station will contain secure interior parking for 150 bicycles as well as a small number of exterior spaces. Changing rooms and lockers will be located within the building, as will space for a bicycle rental, repair, and accessories shop. The center was designed by the architecture firm KGP Design Studios, of Washington,

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D.C., and the structural engineering was performed by the Washington, D.C., office of Parsons Transportation. The new center is part of a program for promoting bicycle use in the District of Columbia.

—*The Washington Post*

## Engineering Firms Rank among Top Privately Owned Companies

MORE THAN 100 engineering firms appear on the magazine *Inc.*'s third annual list of the top 5,000 privately owned firms as ranked by revenue growth from 2005 to 2008. Among the civil and environmental engineering firms ranking in the top 1,000 on that list are C&I Engineering, a civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering firm based in Richland, Washington (number 102 on the list); Geo-Solutions, an environ-

mental and civil engineering firm focused on soil and groundwater that is based in New Kensington, Pennsylvania (322); EAD, an engineering and construction services firm that focuses on manufacturing, health care, and institutional facilities and is based in Omaha, Nebraska (413); Watermark Environmental, a design/build, engineering, construction, and environmental remediation firm based in Lowell, Massachusetts (548); AeroSolutions, a firm that designs, engineers, and installs towers for the telecommunications industry and is based in Boulder, Colorado (726); and Novel Geo-Environmental, a geotechnical and environmental engineering firm based in Moon Township, Pennsylvania. Although *Inc.* reports that construction industry companies in general are slipping in its rankings—from the industry most represented in its sur-

vey three years ago to fourth place this year—there were several other firms involved in construction on the list, including McMillen, a design/build engineering firm based in Boise, Idaho (number 1,003); Samuel Engineering, an architecture, structural engineering, and mechanical engineering firm based in Greenwood, Colorado (1,287); New West Technologies, a Denver-based engineering, construction management, and architecture firm (1,578); and Integrated Design Group, a Boston-based firm that offers architecture and engineering services (2,317). Many other environmental engineering firms were listed as well, and the magazine reports that firms doing business with the government, firms involved in information technology, and firms involved in health care saw the most significant revenue increases. —*Inc.*

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