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Dendreon seeks space

Seattle biotech needs 250,000 square feet for HQ, expansion

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Dendreon Corp. is planning to more than double the size of its headquarters near downtown Seattle and is seeking approximately a quarter-million square

feet of office and laboratory space along the waterfront or in the South Lake Union neighborhood, Chief Financial Officer Greg Schiffman confirmed.

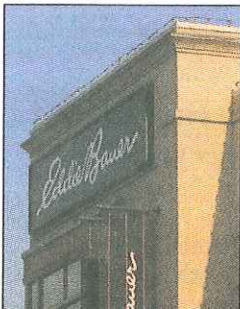
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Eddie's creditor catalog

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MINDING THE STORE: Eddie Bauer, as part of its bankruptcy action, has listed thousands of people and



Chain may owe money to 38,000

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Eddie Bauer's potential creditors include some 3,000 businesses, individuals and governments in Washington, ranging from a Seattle fashion-modeling agency to Microsoft and Amazon.

The Washington names are among 38,000 world-



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IN DOUBT: Mindy Moore faces potential foreclosure on her Edmonds condo after the

Bellevue asks for Indian consulate

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Eastside business and political leaders are campaigning for Bellevue to be the seat of India's planned consulate in the Puget Sound area — a move that would make Bellevue the first Eastside city to wrest a foreign outpost away from the traditional home in Seattle.

India hasn't announced the site, but Debadutta Dash, co-chairman of the Washington State and India Trade Relations Action Committee, considers the decision to locate in Bellevue a done deal.

Dash estimates that 70 percent of the region's people of Indian descent live on the Eastside, because so many of them work at technology companies such as Microsoft.

One such Eastside tech worker, Suneetha Pubbaraju, says she sees so many women wearing traditional Indian saris around Redmond's Grass Lawn Park on a Saturday afternoon that she almost forgets she's in the United States.

After 11 years in the U.S., the software developer adds that she'd welcome a consulate in the region, and especially on the Eastside.

Currently, Pubbaraju and her family, including her U.S.-born daughter, must go to Indian consulates in Vancouver, British Columbia, or San Francisco, to renew visas and Indian passports.

Dash, who's also a cultural trainer at the Bellevue Westin Hotel, said placing the consulate on the Eastside is "very essential."

"East Indian population, Indian companies, most of them are on the Eastside," he said.

Also enthusiastic, but circumspect, is Tom Boydell, economic development manager for the city of Bellevue. He considers the decision not yet made, and is trying to create the conditions that will ensure that the Indian government chooses Bellevue.

He's been active in helping to win a recent grant to erect a statue of Mohandas Gandhi at the Bellevue regional library to honor the father of Indian independence.

Boydell also has been negotiating with the Indian community to support more Indian cultural programs with city money.



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EASTSIDE OUTLOOK: Debadutta Dash, who co-chairs a committee on Washington trade with India, believes India will pick Bellevue for its new consulate.

"Given the concentration of the Indian population on the Eastside," he said, "it makes better business sense for the consulate to be on the Eastside."

A peak in the negotiations took place in November at the Harbor Club in Bellevue, where a few local Indian business leaders and Bellevue officials met with the Indian ambassador from Washington, D.C., and the San Francisco consul general.

"We have specifically explained to them the benefits of locating on the Eastside, including the Bellevue School District," said Akhtar Badshah, Microsoft Corp. senior director for global community affairs, who attended the meeting. He added that he spoke only for himself, not for Microsoft.

The Indian embassy in Washington, D.C., did not reply to several phone calls asking for comment on the decision.

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