



Minnesota's Renewable Energy Roundtable

Action Initiative

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sawmill Inn of Grand Rapids

Hwy. 169 South; 2301 Pokegama Avenue

Grand Rapids, MN

The Changing Landscape of Woody Biomass Utilization: Where Does Renewable Energy Fit?

TIME	TOPIC	FORMAT
9 a.m.	Registration and networking	
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Skogen, Planning & Government Relations Director, AURI • Michael Sparby, Senior Project Strategist, AURI • Brian Brashaw, Director, Wood Materials and Manufacturing Program, UMD NRRI; Coordinator, Business Innovation Initiative; Chair, Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass
9:45 a.m.	Minnesota State Senator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Tom Saxhaug, District 5, <i>invited</i>
10 a.m.	Forestry and Woody Biomass Availability Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator Bill Berguson, Director of the Forestry Program within the Forestry/Forest Products Division of the Center for Applied Research and Technology Development, UMD NRRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kent Jacobson, Timber Business Program Consultant, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division ○ Norm Moody, Greater Bemidji Forestry Affairs, Director of Deep Portage Conservation Reserve and Learning Center, member Legislative Commission on Minnesota Natural Resources ○ Matt Radzak, Procurement of Biomass, Minnesota Power
11 a.m.	Biomass Chemicals and Advanced Biofuels Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator Doug Root, Senior Scientist-Biomass & Renewable Products Technologies, AURI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don Fosnacht, Director the Center for Applied Research and Technology Development, UMD NRRI ○ Brian Garhofer, CEO, The Actives Factory ○ Todd Jaranson, Site Manager, Lonza Cohasset ○ Luca Zullo, Principal, VerdeNero LLC

noon	Networking Lunch	
12:30 p.m.	State of Minnesota and National Governors Association Policy Academy Meeting on Clean Energy and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari Howe, Minnesota Business First Stop-Clean Technology, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
12:40 p.m.	Next Gen Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Lindquist, Biofuels Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Next Gen Review Committee member
12:45 p.m.	Statewide Wood Energy Team (SWET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Dirkswagner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Biomass Coordinator and the Grant Manager for the Minnesota Statewide Wood Energy Team • Dennis Becker, Associate Professor of Natural Resource Policy, University of Minnesota
1:30 p.m.	Biomass Heating Opportunities for Minnesota Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator Al Doering, Senior Associate Scientist-Coproducts, AURI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dan Reek, PE, ZB Engineering LLC-City of Franklin Project ○ Ron Omann, Environmental Specialist/Energy Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development ○ Dennis Becker, Associate Professor of Natural Resource Policy, University of Minnesota
2:35 p.m.	Policy and Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Brashaw, Wood Materials and Manufacturing Program, UMD NRRI; Coordinator, Business Innovation Initiative; Chair, Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass
2:50 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Skogen, Planning & Government Relations Director, AURI

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