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Lassoing B.C.'s renewable economy

Dwindling supplies of sawmill residues are making it tough for bioenergy project developers looking to start-up a business – because they have no raw material.

The dive in BC lumber production following the US housing crisis means the ceiling for sawmill residues, the traditional biomass feedstock, has been hit. But British Columbia, Canada's first province to put a price on carbon is counting on bioenergy to be a big part of its plan to tackle climate change.

The good news is that there is plenty of biomass to go around," says Douglas Bradley, President and Executive Director of the Canadian Bioenergy Association. "Residual wood, forest slash, and non-merchantable timber sits unused in many Canadian forests – and the key to any successful bioenergy project, big or small, is supply chain management."

CANBIO's workshop in Vancouver next week, **Moving Beyond Mill Residue**, will showcase examples of how different jurisdictions across Canada are opening up access to fibre for bioenergy. This all-business workshop features speakers from Canada, Europe and the U.S. on the hottest issues facing bioenergy developers on the ground: accessing biomass feedstock; project financing in an economic downturn; supply chain management and developing new markets at home and overseas.

Leading Canadian energy companies like Alterna Energy, Nexterra and Ontario Power Generation will share their stories of making biomass business happen. Delegates span the entire industry - from financiers, to forest industry and pellet industry experts.

On August 28th, a special study tour will visit the LEED Platinum Dockside Green commercial/residential development in Victoria. Dockside Green is one of only 16 communities on the planet deemed a "Climate Positive Development." Environmentally-designed from the ground up, get a chance to tour a roof garden, see a heat and hot water system from waste wood using Canadian gasification technology by Nexterra, waste water treatment system and more.

A few spots are still left at the conference and on the tour – register now on the Canadian Bioenergy Association website www.canbio.ca.

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