



Canadian Bioenergy Association

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Bioenergy: Why Canada needs to act now CanBio Ottawa Conference June 15-16, 2010

The catastrophic deepwater oil spill that continues to threaten wildlife, waters and the economies of the Gulf Coast, is another urgent sign of the need to switch to a secure, stable, renewable, low-carbon energy source.

Biomass, the only energy source that produces both renewable heat & power, which can also be easily stored and used on-demand, is a ready solution. Across the country entrepreneurs are getting bioenergy projects off the ground, and creating new economic models for struggling forest and farm communities.

“The ambition, technical prowess and will is there,” says Canadian Bioenergy Association president Doug Bradley. “We just returned from a trade mission to Austria and Italy and brought back Rankin Cycle technology that will produce small heat and power economically in Canadian communities. We also just concluded a financing partnership mission to China that is projected to bring \$10 billion in investment in bioenergy to Canada, part of our strategy to resurrect the beleaguered forest industry and enable communities now uncompetitive in traditional forest products to produce bioenergy and bio-products. But we still need fair policy support to make Canada a leader in biomass energy production.”

That’s why CanBio is hosting the first ever meeting of the minds between Canada’s leading bioenergy producers and our politicians and policy makers. Over 100 participants are expected to converge in Ottawa on June 15-16 for a two-day [conference and tradeshow](#). Day 1 will illustrate for communities [Bioenergy Business Models that work in Canada](#), Day 2 will examine [policies proven elsewhere that will work in Canada](#).

With Europe already ahead, and the Obama administration’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act pledging \$80 billion to fund renewable energy, Canada’s window of opportunity is now.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

On June 15th, Municipalities like Matapedia, QC, and Revelstoke BC will describe the successful implementation of bioenergy heat in their communities using local wood as a feedstock. Turboden will unveil its proven small power and heat model. Enerkem, one of Canada’s most innovative bioenergy producers will illustrate how it partners with

municipalities to create renewable fuel from municipal waste. OPG, Nexterra and other experts will provide information on pellet demand and medium-sized heat applications.

The next day's session brings together international experts from the EU and the US, government, and industry experts to examine current bioenergy policies in Canada and hammer out answers to questions like: What New England policy mechanism single-handedly enabled the region to become a US leader in bio-heat in schools? Why do pellet plants thrive in some provinces and not in others? What level of feed-in-tariff is needed to make CHP work? What EU and the US bioenergy policies should be adopted in Canada? CanBio will use the answers to these questions to push for positive change.

Don't miss the launch of **Go Pellets Canada!** A new CanBio initiative to promote growth in domestic markets for Canadian-made, high quality wood pellets. Currently just 15 percent of the pellets made here are consumed here. To diversify markets, create stronger local economies and more sustainable energy – we need that to change.

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