



Green Concepts for a Regional Economy: Making Economic Development a Sustainable Practice

Day 2: July 16, 2008

Courtyard by Marriott - 70 Constitution Ave. - Concord, NH 03301

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AGENDA

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast Buffet & Registration
Courtyard by Marriott Conference Center

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Introduction and Acknowledgements

Mike Bellamente, Program Manager NADO Research Foundation, Washington, DC

Eric Wood, Principal, EnviroSense and Board Member, NH Businesses for Social Responsibility, Londonderry, NH

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Local Governments Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ben Rasmussen, Senior Program Officer, N.E. Regional Capacity Center, Boston, VT (Invited)— Mr. Rasmussen will provide a glimpse of what some local government entities are doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within their communities. Included in the presentation will be an overview of ICLEI, an international organization comprised of local governments for sustainability. ICLEI's Five Milestone process for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which includes performing municipal energy audits, is a process being applied in local governments across the nation.

Julia Dundorf, Program Manager, NH Carbon Challenge, Durham, NH – Throughout New Hampshire volunteer energy committees are being formed to provide education and outreach to communities looking to reduce their carbon footprint. This interactive session led by Ms. Dundorf will focus on the status quo of New Hampshire's energy policies and how grass-roots committees are driving change. Ms. Dundorf will also talk about the New Hampshire Carbon Challenge™ (NHCC), a University of New Hampshire (UNH) initiative committed to providing NH residents and communities with the information, tools and support necessary for households to reduce their residential carbon dioxide emissions by 10,000 pounds per year.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel: Clean Energy Programs Forging the Way in VT

Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on Rural Development, Montpelier, VT

David Lane, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture & Chairman of the "Vermont 25 x25 Steering Committee

Rob Ide, Director of the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund, Montpelier, VT

Andrew Perchlik, Executive Director of Renewable Energy Vermont, Montpelier, VT

Leading by example in the migration toward clean energy production, Vermont is home to several organizations focused on finding profitable and viable methods for creating a sustainable economy. This panel is designed to give a more in-depth look at a few of the more successful programs currently operating in the state's capital. Panel will draw examples from the Clean Energy States Alliance, Renewable Energy Vermont and the Vermont Council of Rural Development.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch

Sponsored by Terracon Consulting

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The Business of Sustainability

Bill Gabler, Government Relations Manager, Clean Power Development, LLC, Concord, NH

Businesses owners and decision makers are discovering that efficient, renewable, and environmentally responsible power and steam represent practical business solutions. Mr. Gabler will discuss how Clean Power Development uses advanced biomass-power technology that allows companies such as Budweiser to efficiently draw energy from fuel. Because of modern biomass-combustion technology, projects create far fewer emissions in a design that is both profitable and clean.

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1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The Business of Sustainability (cont.)

Michelle Hamm, Manager of Environmental Services, Monadnock Paper Mills, Bennington NH, (Invited) - Paper manufacturers rarely come to mind when discussing sustainable businesses. Monadnock Paper Mills, however, has proven that any industry can be a steward of the environment and be profitable at the same time. Ms. Hamm will discuss Monadnock’s ISO-14001 accreditation, the company’s self-generated electricity and other steps that have made their milling operations carbon neutral.

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Higher Learning for a Green Job Market

Dr. Patrick Bourgeron, Director, Center for the Environment, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH (Invited)– The Center for the Environment is a collaborative effort between Plymouth State University academic departments, government agencies and regional nonprofit organizations. Dr. Bourgeron will talk about the goal of the Center and how it addresses the science, policies, culture and economics of the natural environment in northern New England through research, education and collaboration.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Making Renewable Energy Mainstream in New England

Dave Koch, Renewable Energy Corporate Sector Leader, Terracon Consulting, Olathe, KS – “Utility Scale vs. the Common Man” - As the sector leader of a nationally renowned environmental consultancy, Mr. Koch will talk about the various issues and opportunities with making wind energy a mainstream energy source in New England.

TBD, Solar Works Inc, Boston, MA – Solar Works, Inc. is the leading renewable energy systems integrator in the northeast with over 800 solar energy installations and 25 years of experience. The presenter will speak about solar energy as a blossoming industry and some of the new technologies coming online to make it a more viable energy source.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Discussion and Closing Remarks

Mike Bellamente, Program Manager, NADO Research Foundation, Washington DC

