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MEIA News

Environmental Risk Management

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2008

Time: 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: ALS Laboratories, Unit 12, 1329 Niakwa Road East

MEIA welcomes you to this half day seminar on Environmental Risk Management and how it affects your company and you personally.

Topics will include:

Introduction to Environmental Risk Management

- LeeAnn Shewchuk, Dillon Consulting

Upfront Risk Management

- Alan Phillipson, Chemical Safety, Health & Environment Education

Alan will look at the topic of safety, health and the environment, and how it relates to the Workplace, Safety and Health Act. He will give real examples of environmental situations that have occurred and what could have been done to avoid the situations.

Combined Use of Chemistry and Biology in Risk Assessment

- Deib Birkholz, ALS Laboratory Group

Case studies will be presented.

Due Diligence

- John Stefaniuk, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP

John will be looking at the topic of due diligence for individuals in companies. John will discuss the legal ramifications if due diligence has not been taken. He will also look at steps to steer clear of liability.

Tools to Assist You

- Speaker to be confirmed

Registration: \$75.00 +GST – Members
\$100.00 +GST– non-Members

The afternoon will begin with lunch.

Register [here](#)

Opening Doors Parent Forum 2008

Saturday, November 1, 2008

As many of you know, MEIA is one of the sectors within the Manitoba Sector Training Network. MSTN is going to be hosting their 2nd annual Opening Doors forum at Tech Voc High School on Saturday, November 1st, 2008. The intent is to provide information on career opportunities for parents of young Manitobans that will soon be making career choices. The organizers are hoping to attract about 400 people.

The MEIA will be participating by hosting an information booth. If you would like to have the MEIA provide career information about your company, we would be happy to display your company literature or better yet, you are welcome to take part by assisting staff at the MEIA booth. Please forward material to us by October 24th.

For further information, please contact us at 783-7090 or admin@meia.mb.ca

Emerging Issues

"Energy and Water Management - The Basics of Sustainability"

Thursday, November 27, 2008
Hotel Fort Garry - 222 Broadway
8:00 to 4:15 p.m.

Wine and Cheese Reception
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

To View Agenda, click [here](#)

Registration Fee:

AFTER October 17, 2008
MEMBERS: \$250 + GST non-MEMBERS: \$325 + GST

Register [here](#)

Sponsorship opportunities are attached [here](#).

Please call the MEIA office at 783-7090 with inquiries.

Bioremediation - Coming to a Theater Near You!

Prepare to mark your calendar, a team of MEIA volunteers and staff are putting together a full days event currently scheduled around February of 2009 dedicated to the world of bioremediation. The day will provide overviews covering everything from:

What's out there.

Case studies.

The regulators perspective, CCME, Provincial and Federal overviews.

Contaminated or merely impacted what does it mean to you.

Working in the north - issues with permafrost conditions.

Analytical challenges - not always what it seems.

Technologies, techniques and perhaps tricks of the trade.

This is merely a small overview of the program being pulled together for you, our membership, stay tuned for the details, block out February in your calendars, will be truly exciting.....see you there!

General News

National Interest

Designing the Western Carbon Frontier

October 14, 2008

On September 23, 2008, the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) released its detailed draft design recommendations for its Regional Cap-and-Trade Program (the Program). The WCI, which was launched in February 2007, is a collaboration of seven U.S. states and four Canadian provinces including British Columbia (BC), Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec participating as partners, along with Saskatchewan as an observer. The draft design of the Program represents the culmination of 18 months of stakeholder consultation, analysis and deliberation among WCI members.

The Program, which is anticipated to start trading on January 1, 2012, is a key component of the WCI's collective effort to achieve its emissions reduction target of 15% below 2005 levels by 2020. Each WCI member is now responsible for further developing the draft design and taking the next steps, including establishing the necessary legislation, to implement the Program in its jurisdiction.

Overview of the Draft Design

Under the draft design, WCI members recommend the implementation of a multi-sector cap-and-trade program with the following key parameters: a limit on emissions from all major sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; the cap will include all electricity-related emissions, including those from electricity imported from outside WCI member jurisdictions; use of a consistent reporting methodology among regulated entities; and a flexible system to mitigate economic impacts on consumers and regulated entities by allowing the use of offsets and banking of allowances.

The Program will cover the largest emitters in each state and province, including energy (electricity generation, natural gas and heating fuels), industrial emissions and transportation emissions. Carbon dioxide emissions from the combustion of biomass and bio-fuel in a blended fuel will not be included in the Program (except for purposes of reporting).

Reporting Requirements

The integrity of the Program is rooted in the implementation of a rigorous emissions reporting regime. Entities with annual emissions of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) or more will be subject to mandatory reporting. To ensure

data is reported accurately and thoroughly, each WCI member will require third party verification of reported emissions.

The timeline for reporting by WCI members has been agreed as follows:

2011 - WCI members will begin reporting emissions that occurred in 2010;
January 1, 2012 - the first phase of the Program will begin with a three-year compliance period; and

2015 - the second phase of the Program will begin, when it is expanded to include transportation fuels and residential, commercial and industrial fuels.

At the end of each compliance period, regulated entities must submit the same number of emissions allowances to the government as the emissions they had during the compliance period. If the entity does not have a sufficient number of allowances to cover its emissions, a penalty of three allowances will be assessed for each one it is short.

Allocation of Emissions Allowances

Each WCI member jurisdiction will be given an annual emissions allowance budget within the declining regional cap from 2012 to 2020. Emissions allowances represent a limited authorization to emit and are not considered property rights. The annual allowance budget will be established prior to the start of the Program in 2012 and each WCI member will have the flexibility to decide on the best method to allocate its allowance budget within its jurisdiction. For example, a WCI member could give away allowances to large emitters operating within its jurisdiction or auction the allowances to willing buyers.

The draft design calls for a minimum auction level of 10% at the start of the Program, rising to at least 25% by 2020. WCI members have agreed to use a portion of the allowance value for energy efficiency initiatives and the development of low-carbon technologies.

There is concern that by allowing up to 90% of emissions allowances to be given away to emitters, there could be an adverse impact on the competitiveness of certain types of industries within the WCI. By giving away emissions allowances, a WCI member could enable some companies to profit at the expense of others, particularly those requiring a significant number of allowances. For example, if allowances are allocated to two companies - one of which is a coal-fired power plant and the other a manufacturer - it is likely that the power plant will require a greater number of allowances than the manufacturer. If the manufacturer does not use up its allocation of allowances, it can sell the allowances to the power plant, thus profiting from the system and putting the power plant at a cost disadvantage. The low minimum for auctioning allowances may also decrease the effectiveness of the Program by removing the cost incentive for companies to reduce emissions (in contrast, 95% of emissions allowances in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, North America's first mandatory cap-and-trade program covering power plants in the northeastern U.S., will be auctioned, rather than given away for free). This generous

system for the distribution of emissions allowances resulted from the failure of WCI members to reach a consensus on how allowances should be distributed. With the low minimum auctioning requirement, the WCI estimates the initial price of carbon allowances will be close to zero, rising to between \$6 and \$19 per tonne by 2015. By 2020, the WCI anticipates that the price will rise to between \$18 and \$71 per tonne of CO₂e, depending on energy prices.

The draft design also allows for early reduction allowances, which are aimed at encouraging entities included under the cap to reduce GHG emissions after January 1, 2008 and before the start of the first compliance period in 2012. It is anticipated that the criteria for determining which early reductions are eligible for early credit will be established by the end of 2009. These allowances will be issued in 2012 by each jurisdiction and will be issued in addition to each member's 2012 allowance budgets.

The draft design also allows each member jurisdiction to "set-aside" allowances for specific purposes. For example, a WCI member with hydro power may wish to set aside allowances for use during low water years. Alternatively, a WCI member may wish to recognize early reduction activities that would not qualify for early reduction allowances under the WCI regime. Any set-aside allowances created by a WCI member will come from that member's own allowance budget.

The Role of Offsets

The Program allows for the limited use of offsets as a compliance mechanism. Offsets, defined as reductions in GHG emissions from activities outside of regulated sectors, may be traded or used for compliance purposes. The use of offsets for compliance has been limited to 49% of total emission reductions from 2012 to 2020 to ensure the majority of emission reductions is achieved at facilities covered by the Program.

WCI members have identified a series of project types as a priority for development in the offset system:

- agriculture - soil sequestration and manure management;
- forestry - afforestation, reforestation, forest management, forest preservation and conservation, and forest products; and
- waste management - landfill gas and wastewater management.

The development and approval of protocols for these priority projects will begin in 2009. The WCI will also establish a process in 2009 to facilitate the review and approval of other projects and protocols put forward by project developers.

Provincial Initiatives

By joining the WCI as full members, BC, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec have committed to taking certain actions to reduce their emissions. Each WCI member is responsible for adopting an economy-wide GHG reduction goal for 2020 that is at

least as stringent as the WCI regional target. To that end, the Canadian WCI members have committed to the following:

BC will reduce its GHG emissions to 33% below 2007 levels by 2020 and to 80% below 2007 levels by 2050;

Manitoba will reduce its GHG emissions to 6% below 1990 levels by 2012;

Ontario will reduce its GHG emissions to 6% below 1990 levels by 2014, 15% below 1990 levels by 2020, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

Quebec will reduce its GHG emissions to 6% below 1990 by 2012.

With such diverse economies, each province is focusing its efforts on different sectors to meet its emissions reduction obligations. For example, Ontario has committed to phasing out its coal-fired power plants by 2014 while increasing its energy efficiency initiatives and implementing clean technologies. Manitoba and Quebec, both blessed with abundant hydro-energy resources, will focus their reduction efforts on the transportation and agricultural sectors, and improving energy efficiency. Similarly in BC, the focus is on transportation and energy efficiency as well as energy production and forestry.

BC however, is faced with a unique challenge within the context of the WCI. Businesses and individuals in the province are concerned about how BC's carbon tax (which came into effect on July 1, 2008) will be integrated into the Program. The carbon tax currently covers transportation, residential, commercial, and small industrial fuel users. The WCI has said that by 2012, member jurisdictions will determine the mechanism for integrating the Program with BC's carbon tax. As the Program will not cover emissions from transportation, residential, commercial and smaller industrial sources until 2015, BC's carbon tax will have been in place for seven years at that point and, assuming that the current legislation remains in effect, the carbon tax will have grown to C\$30 a tonne. To satisfy a disgruntled public and to ensure that BC does not get short-changed, the BC government will need to ensure the province gets full credit for its innovative use of fiscal measures (for example, through the mechanism for early reduction allowances) as a tool to reduce its GHG emissions.

Uncertainty Remains

A number of variables will affect the evolution of the WCI cap-and-trade program. Perhaps the biggest variable is the possibility of a national cap-and-trade program in the U.S. once a new federal administration assumes power after the U.S. presidential election. The development of a Canadian emissions trading system under the federal climate change framework may also have an impact, but to a lesser extent. However, as long as a leadership vacuum exists at the U.S. and Canadian federal levels, state and provincial governments will likely continue to move forward with their own climate change plans. With regard to offsets from jurisdictions outside the WCI, the draft design allows WCI members to approve and certify offset projects located throughout North America as long as such projects are subject to comparably rigorous verification standards as those established in WCI

member jurisdictions. This will open up opportunities for project developers to generate eligible offsets with projects located in non-WCI member jurisdictions. Finally, it remains to be seen how the WCI will link to other emissions trading systems. All of this uncertainty warrants paying close attention to the WCI as it continues to advance its agenda.

The content of this article is intended to provide a general guide to the subject matter. Specialist advice should be sought about your specific circumstances. Specific Questions relating to this article should be addressed directly to the author. This Article by [Selina Lee-Andersen](#), Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, was originally published in Blakes Bulletin on Environmental Law, October 2008. It is reproduced here with the kind permission of the author.

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Government of Canada Protects Families With Bisphenol A Regulations

OTTAWA: October 17, 2008

The Government of Canada today announced it will immediately proceed with drafting regulations to prohibit the importation, sale and advertising of polycarbonate baby bottles that contain bisphenol A (BPA). The Government will also take action to limit the amount of bisphenol A that is being released into the environment.

"In 2007, we issued a challenge to industry under our Chemicals Management Plan to provide information on how they manage bisphenol A," said the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health. "Today's announcement is a milestone for our government and for Canada as the first country in the world to take regulatory action."

"Many Canadians, especially mothers of babies and small children in my own constituency of Ottawa West-Nepean, have expressed their concern to me about the risks of bisphenol A in baby bottles," said Canada's Environment Minister John Baird. "Today's confirmation of our ban on BPA in baby bottles proves that our government did the right thing in taking action to protect the health and environment for all Canadians."

The assessment states that the general public need not be concerned. It primarily focused on its impacts on newborns and infants up to 18 months of age; however, health risks for Canadians of all ages were considered.

It was determined that the main sources of exposure for newborns and infants are through the use of polycarbonate baby bottles when they are exposed to high temperatures and the migration of bisphenol A from cans into infant formula. The scientists concluded in this assessment that bisphenol A exposure to newborns and infants is below levels that cause effects; however, due to the uncertainty raised in some studies relating to the potential effects of low levels of bisphenol A, the Government of Canada is taking action to enhance the protection of infants and young children.

Environment Canada scientists found that bisphenol A is entering the environment through wastewaters, washing residues and leachate from landfills. It also breaks down slowly in the environment when there is a lack of oxygen. The combination of the slow break down of bisphenol A and its wide use in Canada means that over time, this chemical could build up in our waters and harm fish and other organisms.

The Government has allocated an additional \$1.7 million over the next three years to fund research projects on bisphenol A. This research, in addition to major studies currently underway at Health Canada and Environment Canada, will help to address key knowledge gaps in both the Canadian and international scientific community, and inform Government decision-making should further actions be required.

The final screening assessment report and proposed risk management approach will be published in Canada Gazette, Part I, on October 18, 2008. The proposed risk management approach will be followed by a 60-day consultation period. Regulations are expected to come into effect in 2009.

For more information, please visit the [Chemicals Management Web site](#) or call the information line at 1-866-891-4542.

Source: www.ec.gc.ca

Research Agreement to Improve Water Management in Alberta

October 14, 2008

Sharing knowledge and testing innovative solutions to better manage Alberta's water resources are the foundation of a research agreement between the Alberta Water Research Institute and GE Water & Process Technologies.

Two projects will begin immediately - a \$15 million project focused on technology to improve the treatment and reuse of water in some oil sands operations, and a

second initiative on the development of a world class educational program for business executives on advanced water management strategies.

"Exactly one year after the Alberta government signed on with GE, we are pleased to see the first two of many projects coming on-stream," said Doug Horner, Minister of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology.

"Partnering our research and technology strengths with one of the world's most active international companies shows that Alberta's scale-up approach to innovation is working. From the spark of an idea through the many stages of development, Alberta is one of the best places in the world for industry to explore or market creative solutions to some of the global challenges, and water management is one of the key areas where we can contribute to a better world."

The water initiative will build on GE's proven design and operations experience and the broad portfolio of technologies already in use in the oil sands, including advanced membranes, thermal evaporation systems, mobile filtration units and water treatment chemistry.

The initial investment in this project is \$15 million, which will be cost shared by GE, the Water Institute and its research funding partners. Any solutions and learning from the project will be publicly available. The executive education program, to be launched in Alberta in 2009, will bring together global business leaders and some of the world's top water management talent to share case studies and best practices, which in turn could lead to improved environmental management strategies and practices around the world.

The two initiatives are the first of many projects under the research agreement focused on fulfilling the goals of the provincial water strategy, Water for Life.

"These innovative partnerships are a great example of how public agencies and industry can join forces to develop programs that benefit the environment and the economy," said Jeff Garwood, president and CEO of GE Water & Process Technologies. "GE has a long history in the oil sands and an impressive record of success in developing solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges under our ecomagination business strategy. Working collaboratively with the government and our numerous Alberta-based business partners, we are developing solutions that are at the forefront of sustainable water management."

"This agreement opens up some very exciting, world-class opportunities to create solutions to some of the complex challenges around water management both in Alberta, and around the globe," said Lorne Taylor, Chair of the Alberta Water Research Institute. "Through this agreement, we will have access to some of the best technologies, and best practices around water, and in return, GE will be able to both learn about and to establish innovative and leading-edge water management practices in Alberta."

This agreement builds on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed one year ago on October 10, 2007, between Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and GE to develop unique solutions to solve complex environmental challenges being faced in Alberta and across the globe.

Over the next four years, the MOU identifies areas of mutual interest that may lead to additional projects. Potential areas for development include projects related to oil sands technologies, water management, and energy management including gasification, biofuels and greenhouse gas emissions, nanotechnology, and healthcare technologies.

For More Information: [Canada News Wire \(CNW\)](#)

Source: www.globe-net.ca

International Interest

Kyoto Goes Global

October 17, 2008

Links between the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat's (UNFCCC) International Transaction Log (ITL) and the European Union (EU) greenhouse gas emissions trading system ([EU ETS](#)) went operational this morning.

With this connection, the Kyoto trading system now has the critical mass needed to allow governments and other legal entities to exchange and use emissions rights on a global scale. It also allows them to take advantage of credits stemming from the [Clean Development Mechanism](#) (CDM) and Joint Implementation flexibility mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol.

"ETS go-live has been a high priority project for the UNFCCC secretariat. We have worked closely with the European Commission and the EU member states in coordinating the extensive preparatory work that was necessary to achieve the full connectivity of the ETS registries to the ITL; we are now very pleased by its clear success," said UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer.

'This event finalizes the infrastructure required for successful operation of all flexibility mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol,' the UN's top climate change official

said. 'In terms of carbon market, ETS go-live with the ITL expands the market size of carbon allowances in industrialized countries from about 24 billion tonnes CO2 equivalent to almost 50 billion. In addition, the CDM is expected to add soon another 100 million credits to the market.'

Global markets in carbon emissions permits have grown by 81 percent so far this year and will top \$100 billion in 2008, according to research company [New Carbon Finance](#) (NCF). Growth in the hub of global carbon trading system - the European Union emissions trading scheme - masked a fall elsewhere in tradable offsets traded between rich and poor countries under the Kyoto Protocol, notes NCF's Guy Turner. Similar estimates have been confirmed by the World Bank and the clean-technology research and analytics firm New Energy Finance.

"The ITL-CITL link will improve liquidity," adds Turner, referring to the link between trading registries under the EU ETS and the Kyoto Protocol's clean development mechanism (CDM).

The UNFCCC secretariat plans to link the registries of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and the Ukraine by the end of November. At that time almost all industrialized countries with emission reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol will have full access to the implementation of market-based mechanisms.

'The complete architecture of the Kyoto Protocol becomes fully operational this year. We have explicit emission reduction targets in place for most industrialized countries; we have established a credible, comprehensive system for reporting and verifying GHG emissions; and now we are completing the infrastructure for using the carbon market as a cost-effective means for meeting the targets,' emphasized Mr. de Boer.

In North America two major developments with respect to carbon trading systems took place in recent weeks. The [Western Climate Initiative](#) (WCI) - consisting of seven Western states and four Canadian provinces - announced final recommendations for the design of its regional market-based cap-and-trade program. The WCI aims to reduce regional GHG emissions by about 15 percent below 2005 levels in 12 years.

The first auction of permits under the [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#) - consisting of ten states in Northeast United States - took place in late September. Permit sales allowing power plants to emit greenhouse gases reached nearly \$39 million, which member states plan to use to protect consumers from any higher energy bills that could result from capping the pollution.

For More Information: [UN Framework Convention on Climate Change](#)

Source: www.globe-net.ca

Hog Farm Investigates Methane's Value

Methane gas is trapped under a plastic tarp with hopes of producing electricity in Clinton, N.C.

Clinton, N.C: Wednesday, October 08, 2008

A black plastic tarp covers part of a hog waste pond containing an untapped opportunity, at a Clinton, N.C., farm with 10,000 hogs. Captured beneath the tarp is methane gas, rising off the pond as manure decomposes. It is a potent greenhouse gas trapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere. Eventually, company officials hope to produce electricity from the methane to sell to utilities.

To investigate methane's potential, Murphy-Brown, a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods, has spent about \$120,000 enclosing 20 percent of a seven-acre lagoon on Company Farm 2039 in Sampson County, according to an article in the Charlotte News & Observer.

"We want to fully understand the potential for energy production from our farms," said Don Butler, director of government relations at Murphy-Brown. "Methane is the one we believe has near-term potential."

The article says that covered animal-waste lagoons are rare in the United States but common in some countries that limit greenhouse emissions. They might become more prevalent in the United States, too, if Congress imposes caps on greenhouse gases in the next few years, as some expect, the article states.

The result could be a carbon economy that gives value to cutting greenhouse emissions and creates a market for credits on such reductions.

American Electric Power, one of the nation's largest power producers has announced the first large-scale program to capture methane from about 200 livestock operations in 11 states from Virginia to Ohio.

Source: www.ecoagri.biz

IEA IETA EPRI 8th Annual Workshop on GHG Emissions Trading - Presentations Available

October 8, 2008

The Eighth Annual Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Emission Trading co-organised by the International Energy Agency, the International Emissions Trading Association,

and the Electric Power Research Institute, took place at the IEA headquarters in Paris Monday and Tuesday 22nd and 23rd September, 2008. The Workshop once again provided a unique invitation-only forum, made up of expert academics and practitioners, for intensive debate of topical issues bearing on climate change, energy and emissions trading. Following a country roundtable session and a market news session, the topical sessions were devoted to:

- The Potential for Carbon Markets and Innovative Finance to Drive Low Carbon Technology Development and Deployment
- Institutional Management of Carbon Markets
- Overlapping Policies with GHG Emissions Trading Schemes
- Offsets: From Micro to Macro
- Linking Domestic ETS and the Post-2012 International Climate Policy

The main event was followed on Wednesday 24th September, 2008 by a Special Session on Cost-Containment.

The organisers are pleased to announce that all material from the workshop can now be found at:

http://www.iea.org/textbase/work/workshopdetail.asp?WS_ID=381

All materials from the special cost containment mechanisms session can be found at:

<http://www.iea.org/Textbase/work/2008/ghget/special.html>

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Business and Career Opportunities

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Request for Qualifications - Greenhouse Gas Offsets

Expressions of Interest

The Pacific Carbon Trust ("PCT") has the mandate to acquire Qualifying GHG Offsets ("Offsets") on behalf of Public Sector Organizations and other clients. By 2011, PCT expects to be acquiring annually between 700,000 and 1 million tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalent (CO₂e) Offsets. In the near term, PCT has to acquire an estimated 35,000 tonnes of Realized and Verified Offsets by June 30, 2009. In order to meet the anticipated future requirements for Offsets, PCT aims to purchase up to a further 35,000 tonnes of Realized and Verified Offsets before July 2009 should there be an opportunity to do so at a reasonable price.

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") is to pre-qualify Respondents with the capability and capacity to provide all or some of the Offsets needed to meet the target volume of 70,000 tonnes before July 2009. Subject to the quality and price of the proposed Offsets, PCT intends to negotiate and award contracts for the Offsets that can be supplied before July 2009, using a rotation approach starting with the highest ranked Qualified Supplier.

Respondents should note that this RFQ is not an agreement to purchase services. PCT is not bound to enter into a Contract with any Respondent or Qualified Supplier. Respondents may, at any time by notice in writing to the PCT, withdraw from this RFQ process.

Respondents that cannot meet the requirements of this RFQ will not be excluded from future offset procurement processes. Over the next twelve months, PCT expects to initiate additional procurement processes to help it meet its future obligations

Contact: Gordon, Audra Manager, Commercial Services Pacific Carbon Trust, 2nd Floor, 563 Superior Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9W6

Source: BC Bid .

Deadline: November 6, 2008

Real Property Advisor Oil & Gas Exploration

Requests for Proposals

Defence Construction Canada – Abbreviated Proposals for Consulting Services – Supply Arrangement for Real Property Advisor, Oil and Gas Exploration/Production on DND Properties, CF Bases/Wings, Alberta and Saskatchewan

In accordance with the rules, regulations, statutes and guidelines of the province and the professional association(s) wherein projects under this Supply Arrangement will be executed (Alberta and Saskatchewan), Defence Construction Canada (DCC) is calling for Abbreviated Proposals from consulting firms to provide Oil and Gas Industry Real Property Advisory Services, on an “as and when requested basis” in response to specific tasks, required by the Department of National Defence, at Bases/Wings in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The objective of this Request for Abbreviated Proposal (RFAP) is to select three (3) Consultants, who will each sign a Supply Arrangement (SA) with DCC. The estimated maximum value of all commissions under the SA is \$750,000.00 to provide the required services for a period of three (3) years from the date of SA closing. This SA may be extended in one (1) year increments for a total maximum duration of up to five (5) years with no increase in the maximum value.

Information provided by the Proponents will be evaluated using the established criteria in the Request for Abbreviated Proposal document. The criteria relate to achievements and experience, technical and managerial expertise, and consultant coordination. The three (3) highest ranking firms selected through the evaluation process, including a factor for the price element, will be invited to negotiate supply agreements with DCC.

This opportunity follows tendering procedures in accordance with Chapter 10 of NAFTA.

The Security Requirements for this project are identified in the Tender Documents. Firms that consider themselves qualified to provide these services are invited to submit their Abbreviated Proposal on the forms that are available from MERX by calling 1-800-964-6379.

To be considered, Abbreviated Proposals must be received at the following address, no later than 14:00 hours local time on November 13, 2008.

Proponents can obtain contract award results from the DCC Website at <http://www.dcc-cdc.gc.ca/inform/ContractAwards.htm>.

Contact: Defence Construction Canada Constitution Square, 350 Albert Street, Suite 1900, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K3

Source: MERX . Reference: # 159984.

Deadline: November 13, 2008

Storage Transportation and Disposal of Municipal Waste

Requests for Proposals

THE MUNICIPAL WASTE GROUP (MWG) - comprised of the CORPORATIONS of the TOWNSHIPS of BECKWITH and MONTAGUE and of the TOWNS of CARLETON PLACE, MISSISSIPPI MILLS, PERTH, and SMITHS FALLS is inviting interested parties to submit proposals for the: Storage, Transportation and Disposal of its Solid Municipal Waste (approximately 12,500 tonnes in 2007), beginning on June 1, 2010.

MWG is seeking a long term contract with the successful respondent that offers MWG a proposal which provides the best value for dollars spent on these services.

Sealed tenders clearly marked (RFP# 1-08) will be received by:

Mr. Phil Hogan, Treasurer
Town of Carleton Place Town Hall
175 Bridge Street,
Carleton Place, ON K7C 2V8

Proposals shall be received until 10:00 am (local time), on Wednesday, November 26th, 2008 and opened at 10:05 am the same day. As of October 6, 2008, RFP specifications and forms will be available at the Town Hall in Carleton Place for a Non-refundable fee of \$100.00 including GST

NOTE: An Information Meeting for Contractors will be held at 10:00 am on October 29th, 2008 at the Carleton Place Town Hall.
Contact: For information contact: Mr. Wayne Fraser, Public Works Development Coordinator Town of Carleton Place Town Hall 175 Bridge Street, Carleton Place, ON K7C 2V8 Phone: 1-613-257-6203 or (if out of office) 1-613-432-8290 Fax: 1-613-257-8170 E-mail: wfraser@carletonplace.ca

Source: MERX . Reference: # RFP# 1-08).

Deadline: November 26, 2008

Industry Product Stewardship Review

Requests for Proposals

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The Ministry of Environment is seeking a contractor to complete an evaluation of the Ministry's administration and oversight of Industry Product Stewardship under the Recycling Regulation and make recommendations on how the ministry could improve its role within the producer responsibility model. The consultant will work closely with members of the Environmental Protection Division Community Waste Reduction section during the review.

Please see the bid document package for further information
Contact: Gregory Tyson Environmental Management Analyst Ministry of
Environment Environmental Quality Branch Community Waste Reduction Section
P.O. Box 9342 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, British Columbia V8W 9M1 Phone: 1 (250)
387-9774 Fax: 1 (250) 356-7197 Email: Greg.Tyson@gov.bc.ca

Source: BC Bid . Reference: # EQB-09-074.

Deadline: October 27, 2008

Prequalification for Sustainability Consultant for Algonquin College

Requests for Proposals

Algonquin College invites applications for the provision of the services of a

Sustainability Consultant to help establish the College as a global leader in sustainable practices among institutions of higher education.

The College is looking to develop a broad-based sustainability strategy that does not focus solely on environmental issues but rather embraces the three pillars of sustainable development: economic development, social development, and environmental protection.

This document solicits the applications for prequalification from qualified firms or teams possessing broad-based skills who are interested in offering their services for this assignment. All applications will be evaluated in accordance with the process described herein. A maximum of three (3) Applicants receiving the highest overall score in the evaluation will be invited to submit proposals.

Contact: Solveig Keshavjee, 1385 Woodroffe Ave C545 - Purchasing Ottawa K2G 1V8 Phone 613-727-4723x5050 Fax 613-727-7674 Email keshavs@algonquincollege.com Website URL <http://www.algonquincollege.com>

Source: MERX . Reference: # 160101

Deadline: October 20, 2008

2nd Call for Proposals - Water Research and Management

Research Opportunities

The Alberta Water Research Institute [AWRI] has announced its 2nd call for proposals for innovative strategic research programs in water research and management. Funded by the Government of Alberta through Alberta Ingenuity, the Alberta Water Research Institute's goal is to enhance the knowledge of water users, managers, industry, policy-makers and consumers, to facilitate policy development and improved water management practices.

This call is an opportunity for the research, industry and stakeholder communities to put forward their ideas on research programs that will help meet the goals and objectives of Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability, being:

Safe, secure drinking water supply,
Healthy aquatic ecosystems, and
Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.

Ideally, research proposals will employ an inter-disciplinary approach to providing the knowledge water users, managers, industry, policy-makers and consumers need to help them make informed choices. As such, the research funded by the AWRI must be translated into stakeholder information.

Priority will be given to projects and research teams that pursue new ideas, concepts, processes and/or innovative ways of utilizing existing knowledge, and generating new knowledge to improve the sustainability of Alberta's water resources.

Specific Topics for This Call:

This 2nd call for proposals fills in research program areas not addressed in the AWRI's inaugural call for proposals in fiscal 2008-2009. Although proposals in all program areas are welcome, this call in particular seeks proposals on the following specific topics within AWRI's program areas [more detailed program descriptions are appended to this document].

Safe, secure drinking water supply [and wastewater treatment]

Evaluation of sustainable rural water and wastewater management,

Design of the next generation urban water management processes and infrastructure,

Identify policy opportunities for water efficiency gains in urban areas.

Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy

Scenarios and initial evaluation of future expanded agricultural production potential based on environmentally responsible water efficient agronomic practices,

Guidelines and mechanisms for implementation of less water intensive industrial water use processes.

Education and outreach

Develop an understanding and educational elements for a comprehensive approach to what water means for Albertans now and for Alberta's future generations.

Proposal Preparation, Submission and Award:

A. Proposal Preparation Instructions

Expression of Intent [EOI]:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an Expression of Intent [EOI] prior to submitting a full proposal. The EOI should [in no more than 2 pages] describe: the problem, the goals to be achieved and/or intended deliverables, the scientific or technical hypothesis, the objectives, the methods to be applied, and the expertise of the group leaders and participating groups [points 3 to 8 on the application form]. On a 4th page a detailed budget estimate should be supplied [see enclosed form].

Full Proposals [FP]:

Applicants of the EOI's chosen by AWRI to submit a full proposal [FP] will be required to provide a summary of 5 pages maximum describing the points [3 through 8] elaborated in the EOI. On a separate 6th page applicants will provide a detailed budget. A more detailed description of methods and work plans may be added as an appendix to the proposal.

B. Budgetary Information

Cost Sharing Requirements: Cost sharing is not required.

Indirect Cost Limitations: Not eligible.

Sub-grants: Are allowed for co-applicants and collaborators.
Other Budgetary Requirements: Contributions [cash and in kind] from industry, other funding agencies and sources is highly encouraged.

C. Deadline and Target Dates

Expression of Intent [EOI] due: 31 October 2008
Response to applicants relative to the status of EOIs: 1 December 2008
Full Proposal Deadline Date: 2 February 2009
Notification regarding award/final acceptance: 1 May 2009

D. Submission

EOIs and full proposals are to be received by the close of business on the dates indicated [31 October 2008 for EOI and 2 February 2009 for FP] and may be submitted electronically [in Word or PDF format] to the address below:

Contact: Kelly French, Grants Supervisor

kelly.french@albertaingenuity.ca

Alberta Ingenuity Fund

Suite 2410, Manulife Place

10180 101 Street

EDMONTON, Alberta

T5J 3S4

Office 780-423-5735

Direct 780-701-3324

Source: Alberta Research Council

Deadline: October 31, 2008

Climate Change Adaptation - Water Monitoring Data Requirements

Requests for Proposals

Contractor will identify the hydrologic parameters that should be measured by water monitoring networks in Canada for climate vulnerability assessment and climate change adaptation planning; and particularly will:

Summarize predicted or anticipated climate change impacts to Canada-wide water resources and the hydrologic cycle including ground and surface water quality and quantity;

For those predicted or anticipated impacts, determine the hydrologic parameters that should be monitored in each province and territory to inform climate change adaptation decision making;

Provide guidance on the spatial and temporal frequencies of monitoring of those parameters for adaptation planning;
Provide a list of vulnerability indicators that could be used by provinces and territories in vulnerability assessment, adaptation planning and decision making.

Source: CCME . Reference: # 449-2009.

Deadline: October 31, 2008

Identify Strategies to Increase Investment in Energy Efficiency

Requests for Proposals

Summary Details:

BC Bid subscribers can view or download documents online:

- Log on with username/password
- Click on the Send Me Amendments link (left-hand menu) to be added to the Planholders List
- Click Supplier Attachments Exist to view or download documents

To order a hard copy tender document package please click below:

[BC Hydro Order Form](#)

The BC Bid Help Desk is open from 8:00am to 4:30pm weekdays, excluding holidays. In Victoria call 250-387-7301. For toll-free access in other areas within BC, call Enquiry BC (1-800-663-7867 or in Greater Vancouver at 604-660-2421) and ask to be transferred to the BC Bid Help Desk.

DETAILS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals are invited for Consulting Services for an opportunity assessment to identify and assess a range of market-level strategies and tactics to increase investment in energy efficiency. Strategies and tactics to be considered in the study should include sources of financing, financing mechanisms and policies which leverage investment in energy efficiency. The opportunity assessment will also evaluate the potential impact of each of the strategies and tactics in B.C. and the ease by which they could be implemented. This evaluation will include a differentiation between those strategies and tactics that BC Hydro can and cannot readily influence.

Contact: BC Hydro and Power Authority 19th floor, 401 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 5A1 Phone: 1 (604) 694-8523 Fax: 1 (604) 663-
3915 Email: q-room.schedule@absu.accenture.com

Source: BC Bid . Reference: # Q8-3454.

Deadline: October 31, 2008

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Deadline: October 27, 2008

Remediation of Bear Island, Nunavut

Requests for Proposals

Public Works & Government Services Canada (PWGSC) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) are preparing bid documents and contract specifications for the remediation services at Bear Island, Nunavut. Remediation will consist primarily of civil works to deal with the demolition and disposal of the remaining infrastructure; cleaning and on site disposal of approximately 4300 fuel barrels; construction of an on-site non-hazardous waste landfill; and the removal and off-site disposal of all hazardous waste materials and contaminated soil to an approved Waste Disposal and Treatment Facility.

There is a 1350 metre gravel airstrip on site that requires upgrading and maintenance to allow for safe landing as well as several access roads in varying condition will. The results of previous environmental site assessments have identified buried and partially buried waste; hydrocarbon and metal impacted soil; and hazardous materials (asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, leachable lead paint and batteries) associated with the remaining infrastructure.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

For planning purposes the estimated budget for this project is in the order of \$7 - 10 Million. This is not however, to be construed as an offer or commitment on the part of Canada.

BACKGROUND

Bear Island is a former Mid-Canada Line Radar site constructed in the mid 1950s and operated until 1965, after which the site was abandoned. In 1965 INAC assumed responsibility for the environmental liabilities at the site. It is located in the overlapping marine regions of the Nunavik and the Eeyou Cree, at the central-north end of James Bay approximately 160 kilometres northwest of Chisasibi, Quebec and 300 kilometres south of Sanikiluaq, Nunavut.

BIDDERS' CONFERENCE (OPTIONAL)

An optional bidders' conference to review the bid documents will be held in Ottawa,

Ontario on October 28, 2008. This is not a Mandatory Bidders' Conference and those who do not attend are not precluded from submitting a bid, however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Bidders are requested to communicate with the Contracting Authority prior to the site visit and bidders' conference to confirm attendance. Bidders are to provide the Contracting Authority, in writing, the names of their representative(s) who will be attending and a list of issues that they wish to table no later than Thursday October 23, 2008. Contact Nicki Evans - A/Supply Officer at nicki.evans@pwgsc.gc.ca or by phone at (780) 497- 3930 to confirm attendance.

Bidders who, for any reason, cannot attend during the specified date(s) will not be given an alternative appointment to tour the site, but will be provided with a site visit report, including questions, answers and photos.

Note: All other travel and living expenses associated with the travel to the point of departure and attending the bidders' conference will be borne by the Bidders.

SOURCING

This competitive requirement is subject to the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization – Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP) and the Agreement on Internal Trade.

The requirements of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claim Agreement will apply to the proposed procurement. Bidders will be requested to maximize involvement of groups within the Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. The benefits that apply to this procurement are contained in: Article 13: Nunavik Inuit Land Claim Agreement, clauses 13.3.1; 13.3.2; 13.3.3; 13.3.4; 13.3.5.

CONTRACTOR EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The method of procurement chosen for this requirement calls for the submission of proposals by contractors who will deliver a strategy that best meets Canada's needs as described in the Request For Proposal (RFP). Proposals must meet all Mandatory requirements set out in the bid evaluation criteria. Those bidders who achieve a minimum 60% overall score will be further considered using the assessed Best Value to the Crown (60% Merit + 40% Cost) Contractor Selection method set out in the bid documents.

For more information on this project please order the document from MERX.

This PWGSC office provides procurement services to the public in English.

Contact: support Clerk (ncs), Nicki Northern Contaminated Site Program Telus Plaza North, 5th floor 10025 Jasper Avenue Edmonton Alberta T5J 1S6 (780) 497-3930 ()

Source: MERX . Reference: # PW-\$NCS-005-7365.

Deadline: December 9, 2008

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

MCC Speakers Series – Hon. Andrew Swan

Hon. Andrew Swan
Minister of Competitiveness, Training & Trade

Marlborough Hotel, Marlborough Hall
October 21, 2008
7:30 – 9:00 am

Sponsored by: [Sequoia Energy Inc.](#)

Registration: [Online](#) or [Hard Copy Form](#)

National

AMERICANA International Environmental Trade Show and Conference

March 17 – 19, 2009
RÉSEAU environnement will hold its 8th edition of the AMERICANA International Environmental Technology Trade Show and Conference from March 17 to 19, 2009 at the Montreal Convention Centre. Recognized as one of the most important events of its kind in North America, this year's AMERICANA will play host to more than 10,000 participants, 400 exhibitors and 150 speakers from Québec, Canada and more than 60 countries worldwide. Created in 1995 and held every two years,

AMERICANA is organized by RÉSEAU environnement. For more information or for registration please visit: www.americana.org

March 17 – 19, 2009

Environmental Law for Business, 2008

November 20, 2008 is the date for Gowlings' annual Environmental Law for Business conference. In addition to providing an update on changes to environmental laws over the last year, speakers will provide insight into new developments in related areas.

For more information, please contact: Nory Paredes at: nory.paredes@gowlings.com or (416) 862-5746.

A&WMA Presents Conference in Edmonton

The Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) will present "Integrated Waste Management Systems" November 12-14, 2008, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This conference will examine issues related to municipal waste and waste management systems.

"This informative conference will unite speakers with hands-on experience in the design and operation of integrated waste management systems," said Adrienne Carolla, A&WMA Executive Director. "Solid waste management practitioners in municipal consulting firms, industry professionals, and academics should not miss this event."

The conference will be divided into four sessions: an overview of successful waste management systems; new and emerging technologies; costs; and decision processes.

For more information, or to register, visit www.awma.org/go/IWMS08

The Air & Waste Management Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional organization that provides training, information, and networking opportunities to thousands of environmental professionals in 65 countries. For more information, visit www.awma.org

Environmental Compliance Conference

November 12, 2008
Hilton Toronto Airport, Toronto

Our annual one-day compliance conference will take place on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Hilton Toronto Airport. We are happy to announce that Golder Associates and Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP will be sponsoring this event. At this year's Environmental Compliance Conference, you will learn the consultant's perspective, a legal point of view and industry insight on the following topics: The New Chemical Management Plan, Civil liability for Spills and Contaminated Sites, Navigating the New Water Regulations, Emissions Trading - Applying and Trading Credits, Waste Management - Understanding Enforcement of the three Rs.

Environmental Compliance Conference will provide participants with this experience by giving them the opportunity to:

Network with influential decision-makers, peers, experts and practitioners from all types of industry;

Listen and learn from key consultants, legal practitioners, government representatives and corporate executives.

Gain new insight into key environmental compliance issues. Learn how they apply to your business and what the regulations really mean.

Hear first-hand success stories of organizations that have gained a distinct competitive advantage through the skills of their workforce.

For more information visit:

www.environmental-expert.com

EPIC: The Vancouver Sun Sustainable Living Expo

May 8 - 10, 2009

EPIC: The Vancouver Sun Sustainable Living Expo is Vancouver's largest green consumer show and eco-marketplace. Visit EPIC to learn about environmentally-friendly products and companies that mix style and quality with sustainability.

Greening your life is easy - all you need is a little education and inspiration. EPIC has lots of both. Join us for this three day celebration of green living, and surround yourself with truly inspiring people and environmentally innovative products.

Learn how to live a healthier, more sustainable life from experts in everything from eco traveling to green weddings. Reveal your inner treehugger and spend the day shopping in our marketplace of over 200 organizations offering the latest green products that are earth-friendly, ethically sourced, and better for your health. Let EPIC inspire you to 'Shop and Th!nk'.

International

Water, Energy and Environment Conference and Trade Show

The Embassy of Jordan in Ottawa has requested that information about a water, energy and environment conference & trade show in Amman, taking place from November 9-13, be shared. Details of the event can be found at the following link:

http://www.jaba.org.jo/docs/AJEX_2008_Concept_paper.pdf

Canada and Jordan have an emerging bilateral commercial relationship framed around negotiations towards a free trade agreement (FTA) and foreign investment promotion and protection agreement (FIPA). An improved business climate should hopefully lead to more Canadian firms exporting and increase two-way investment.

The show will be of interest to entities dealing in the following areas:

- * Energy efficiency, audit service and equipment
- * Energy saving devices and solutions
- * Renewable energy solution providers
- * Water efficiency and treatment technologies and service providers
- * Consulting services
- * Hybrid automotive
- * Utility companies

FYI there is also an environmental industries market report for Jordan on Infoexport that could help a company decide if this market fits with their IBD strategy - <http://www.infoexport.gc.ca/ie-en/MarketProspect.jsp?oid=74#592>.

If you are aware of Canadian entities that may be interested in participating, please forward them the two links. I can assist anyone if needed in seeking further information about the event linked to any interested Canadian companies you are made aware of - for example who are participants and exhibitors that will be at the show, so that a company can make an informed decision regarding potential participation. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Steve Guertin
Trade Commissioner
Egypt, Israel, Jordan, West Bank
WOS
tel: 613-944-6994

Greenbuild 2008

An Invitation to Exhibit in the Canada Pavilion and to joint the Business Networking Reception at Greenbuild 2008 - Boston

November 18 – 21

Join representatives from approximately 20 Canadian companies, organizations and government agencies showcasing their goods and services at the 2008 Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, the world's largest conference and exposition dedicated to employing green building practices. If designing, building, living and working in green buildings is important to you, you're in good company.

Greenbuild is a great opportunity to build new relationships and connect with more than 22,000 industry professionals from the United States and from more than 60 countries around the world. You will be counted among the more than 400 exhibitors at the Greenbuild Expo and will have the opportunity to network and showcase your products and technologies, attend LEED workshops and participate in project tours in Boston. Don't miss your chance to be part of Greenbuild 2008. Space within the Canada Pavilion is limited, so book your booth early.

For information on the Canada Pavilion and Business Networking Reception, please go to www.greenbuildexpo.org

Carbon TradeEx America

April 7-8, 2009
Convention Center
Washington, D.C.
Koelnmesse is working with the Carbon Markets and Investors Association (CMIA) to deliver the premiere Carbon Market conference and trade in the U.S. Carbon

TradeEx America is being designed to serve the national education, networking, and business needs of all current and future Carbon Market players.

For more information or to pre-register go to www.carbontradeexamerica.com. Please enter priority code CTA-05. Or call us at 773-326-9925.

Municipalika

6th International Exhibition & Conference on Municipal Services, Urban Development and Public Works

Making Cities Work
January 29 – 31
Mumbai, India

With the rapid pace of Urbanization, the percentage of India's population living in cities and urban areas has almost doubled to 27.8% in 2001 from 14% at the time of Independence. This is expected to accelerate even further, and by 2021 over 40% of Indians will be living in urban areas. The scale of urbanization in India can be seen in 6 mega cities (5mn plus), 29 metro cities (1 mn plus), 500 cities (100,000 plus), with a total of over 5000. By 2011, Urban India will contribute over 65% to Indian GDP. Indian Cities provide settings as engines of economic growth, and at the same time face enormous challenges.

For more information on initiatives and exhibit profiles, please click [here](#).

The 11th International Conference on Energy and Environment

March 15-18, 2009 Hurgada , Egypt

I am pleased to introduce to you the 11th International Conference on Energy and Environment that will be held in Hurgada , Egypt March 15-18, 2009. This conference will also be coupled with the 8th World Conference on Solar Electricity. The Conference is held every two years and organized jointly by The Supreme Council for Scientific Research in Egypt , Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and the University of California (UCLA), USA .

It covers broad topics on Energy and Environment including the following topics
Renewable Energy: Solar, Wind, Biomass,...
Advanced Energy Technologies: Nuclear (fission and fusion), Dark Energy, Nano -
materials and technology.

Environmental issues related to energy: Combustion, air pollution, bio fuels,
hydrogen and fuel cells, and environmental and health effects of electromagnetic
waves.

The website for the conference is: <http://www.eecairo.com>

The Deadline for abstracts is: October 15, 2008

Carbonexpo Australasia 2008

Gold Coast, Australia 30-31 October 2008

[Environment Business Australia](#) and the [Asia-Pacific Emissions Trading Forum](#) are pleased to announce that with the Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council we will be hosting Australia's first dedicated, industry-hosted trade fair & conference for carbon market participants & service providers across Australasia. Carbon Expo Australasia 2008 will be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre 30-31 October 2008 www.carbonexpo.com.au

Carbon Expo Australasia 2008 will be the first significant Carbon Trade Fair and Conference organised by leading industry associations for Australian businesses to showcase their range of carbon market products and services. Recognising that the climate change agenda has substantially progressed beyond just science and policy, to now actively engage an increasing number of businesses, the event is intended to provide an opportunity for private sector businesses to showcase their activities, services and products in the emerging carbon market.

We have been fortunate to secure significant domestic and international keynote speakers, and conference plenary sessions and workshops addressing cutting edge issues in emissions trading markets and low carbon technologies will be integrated with the Trade Fair.

Carbon Expo Australasia 2008 will offer participants the opportunity to do business and access current information regarding new carbon market products and services from a wide range of suppliers including energy providers and other emitting industries, carbon offset providers, carbon market consultants, carbon market brokers and legal advisers, banks and financial institutions, technology providers, and suppliers of energy efficient & 'clean-tech' products to assist businesses in

reducing, managing and offsetting carbon emissions. Participants will include leading businesses and industries in Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia that are currently involved in the carbon market, and those interested in engaging in this emerging market. Market sectors that will be significantly represented include energy generation ('traditional' and renewable), mining, transport, petroleum producers, manufacturing & construction, agriculture & forestry, financial services, and carbon market services. Significant attendance from Government agencies is also expected.

More information concerning the Event Program, Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities, and Registration will follow shortly. Keep an eye on the Expo website www.carbonexpo.com.au for more information, or email us at info@carbonexpo.com.au This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it.