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MEIA

MEIA Events

Speed Mentoring – Next Week!

Date: September 30, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: 1000 Waverly St., Wpg, MB

Students: there is still an opportunity to participate in the Speed Mentoring next week! **Space is limited so please contact the MEIA at 783-7090 to secure a spot.**

Date: September 30, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: 1000 Waverly St., Wpg, MB

The MEIA is looking for ways to encourage students to become familiar with environmental industries in Manitoba. MEIA would like to assist students in determining how they can apply their knowledge and enhance their skills by exploring various employment opportunities within the Province.

It is important that students are able to make connections with Manitoba employers. MEIA is hosting a "Speed Mentoring" event to assist students with making such connections.

This session is designed to be a fast and fun opportunity to connect MEIA members with students - (future employees). Speed mentoring is a relatively new concept, similar to speed dating in some ways, except that the topics of discussion will focus on career planning and development in the environmental industries sector. Each student will have the opportunity to ask each mentor 2-3 questions before moving to the next station.

Mentors are MEIA members who will introduce their organization to student chapter members and answer each student's relevant questions. The following member companies have agreed to act as mentors.

- Manitoba Hydro
- Cantest
- Miller Environmental Corporation
- Boeing
- MTS Allstream
- Manitoba Hotel Association

Please contact the MEIA at 783-7090 to register or e-mail admin@meia.mb.ca
Preference will be given to student chapter members.

Light refreshments will be served.

Water Workshops

October 7, 14, & 21, 2009
1000 Waverley Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Presentations: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The MEIA will be hosting three half-day workshops in October 2009. The workshops will address the following issues:

Session #1 October 7, 2009 - The Status of Lake Winnipeg

Speaker: Greg McCullough, Centre for Earth Observation & Science (CEOS),
Department of Geography, University of Manitoba

The presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion on potential solutions.

Thank you the following Bronze Sponsor of this event!



Session #2 October 14, 2009 Drinking Water Treatment Technologies

- State of Drinking Water – speaker to be determined
- Groundwater - Speaker: Michael Bertram - AMEC

Session #3 October 21, 2009 Wastewater Treatment Technologies

- Natural Water Treatment – speaker to be determined
- Technology Based Treatment – speaker to be determined

Registration Fees:

Members:	\$ 75 per session (plus GST)
Prospective Members	\$125 per session (plus GST)
Student Members	\$ 25 per session (plus GST)
Prospective Student Members	\$ 50 per session (plus GST)

Registration fee includes lunch.

For further details and registration, contact the MEIA staff at 783-7090 or email to admin@meia.mb.ca

Our apologies for the delay in the activation of our on-line registration and payment process!

To view sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#)

Emerging Issues Conference: “Enhancing Our Environment through Innovation and Responsibility

Date: Thursday, November 26, 2009
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Garry St. , Wpg., MB

This year's conference will focus on the following topics:

Alternative Energy
Extended Producer Responsibility
Corporate Social Responsibility
Building Green/Green Building

Registration Fees:

Early Bird

Members: \$200 (plus gst) Prospective Members: \$275 (plus gst)

After November 1, 2009

Members: \$250 (plus gst) Prospective Members: \$325 (plus gst)

Student Members: \$25(plus gst) Prospective Student Members: \$60 (plus gst)

For sponsorship opportunities, click [here!](#)

Contact the MEIA staff at 783-7090 for further details and for registration.

Remediation and Prevention

The MEIA Remediation and Prevention conference will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Victoria Inn.

Mark your calendars!

MEIA News

Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils

The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils (AMSC) is offering a series of courses through Building Better Workplaces. As a member sector of the AMSC, MEIA is pleased to pass on the following course opportunities to MEIA members:

Building Better Supervisors:

Introduction to Effective Communication	Fri. Sept. 25, 2009.
Decision Making	Fri. Oct. 2, 2009
Facilitating Teamwork	Fri. Oct. 9, 2009
Coaching Workers to Peak Performance	Fri. Oct. 16, 2009
Problem Solving	Fri. Oct. 23, 2009

Building Better Leaders:

The Emotionally Intelligent Leader	Wed. Sept. 23, 2009
Priority Setting	Wed. Sept. 30, 2009
How to Delegate Effectively	Wed. Oct. 7, 2009
Performance Management	Wed. Oct. 14 – Sold Out
Employee Engagement	Wed. Oct 28, 2009

All sessions take place at 1000 Waverley, from 8:30 – 11:30 am, at a cost of \$40.00 per session.

For more information or to register, please call the AMSC at 272-2962.

Manitoba Chapter, Canada Green Building Council

The MEIA is collaborating with the Manitoba Chapter, Canada Green Building Council to support professional development events aimed at educating participants on the LEED rating systems, as well as Life Cycle Costing for Green Building Design.

For specific details on training dates and registration fees, visit their website [here](#) or manitobachapter@cagbc.org

Manitoba Initiatives for Sustainable Communities

On August 25th 2009, the MEIA participated in the inaugural meeting of the Manitoba Initiatives for Sustainable Communities committee.

This committee seeks to work with developers, planners, designers, architects, engineers and communities to create (in existing or new areas) projects which integrate features such as central green spaces, public transportation, mixed housing, renewable energy and walkability to shopping and basic services. The intent is to create not only a forum for the exchange of innovative ideas to redesign communities to make them more liveable, but to be the place for people who want to see fundamental changes in how our urban environment is developed to work together to make it happen.

For more information, contact Daniel Lepp Friesen at Daniel@dlfconsulting.ca, John Fjeldsted, Executive Director, MEIA at jjfeldsted@meia.mb.ca

Website Launch

MEIA is launching a new website this month complete with an on-line payment system. Watch for it!

General News

Local Interest

Manitoba Leads the Way With Biodiesel Mandate: Rondeau

September 10, 2009

New Rules in Place Nov. 1

Manitoba is continuing its role as a leader in the development and support of biofuels by becoming the first province to implement mandated biodiesel, Science, Technology, Energy and Mines Minister Jim Rondeau announced today.

"Today's announcement of a biodiesel mandate once again reinforces Manitoba's reputation as an innovator when it comes to the development of the biofuels industry," said Rondeau. "Biodiesel will benefit Manitoba's agricultural communities while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 56,000 tonnes, the equivalent of taking 11,000 cars off the road annually."

"This announcement is great news for our industry," said Royce Rostecki, owner and president of Speedway International Inc., a producer of biofuels. "With the new mandate and incentive, Manitoba is going to become a force in fuel production, no longer relying solely on imported fuels."

Beginning Nov. 1, Manitoba will set a mandate that requires, on average, two per cent biodiesel in all diesel fuel sold in a year, Rondeau said. This will give fuel suppliers the flexibility to deal with cold weather conditions in Manitoba. It is anticipated that five per cent biodiesel blends will be used on a seasonal basis during the warmer months to meet the mandate requirements. The minister added Manitoba will also consider a higher mandate once there is a Canadian fuel standard in place for biodiesel blends above five per cent.

The minister also said Manitoba intends to provide greater support for local biodiesel and economic development opportunities by replacing the current fuel tax exemption with a 14 cent per litre, five-year production grant for both on- and off-road biodiesel produced in Manitoba in the spring of 2010 to help keep Manitoba competitive with incentives offered in other North American jurisdictions.

Manitoba is committed to ensuring fuel quality for consumers, Rondeau said. This announcement builds on a previously announced regulation requiring the licensing of biodiesel manufacturers and the adoption of fuel-quality standards which will help ensure the integrity of the fuel supply.

There are two other biodiesel plants presently under construction in Manitoba. One is located in Arborg and the other in Beausejour.

Canada and Manitoba Governments Continue Support for Environmental Farm Action in Province

September 2, 2009

Applications are now available for the Environmental Farm Action Program (EFAP). This program is the new beneficial management practice (BMP) incentive program that is part of the federal-provincial Growing Forward Environment Suite. The EFAP program will provide both technical and financial assistance to producers to support the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices in Manitoba.

Environmental action programming in Manitoba will be administered and delivered by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI). Producers can now register at their local MAFRI Growing Opportunities (GO) Office for new EFP workshops.

In the past, more than 6,500 Manitoba producers took part in the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program that was part of the Agriculture Policy Framework. Of those, 5,611 statements of completion were issued, translating to over 8.8 million acres of land assessed by producers through the EFP process.

Applicants for EFAP must have completed an environmental farm plan or an equivalent agri-environmental plan and have received a valid statement of completion. Statements of completion are considered valid for a period of five years from the date of issue. The EFAP will operate for four years concluding with the end of Growing Forward on March 31, 2013.

The Environment Suite of the Growing Forward agreement is a four-year commitment from Canada's federal and provincial governments towards assisting producers to continue to implement sustainable agriculture practices, building on the success of the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) which expired in 2008.

Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, is investing \$1.3 billion towards the agriculture and agri-food industry in Canada.

Further information on Growing Forward programs is available at any GO Office throughout the province or online at:

www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/growingforward/index.html

Province Looks at Allowing Low-speed Electric Cars

September 18, 2009

Electric cars like those made by ZENN Motor Company of Ontario could soon be on the road in Manitoba, but only some roads. Science, Technology, Energy and Mines

Minister Jim Rondeau said Wednesday the province is looking at a pilot project in which low-speed electric vehicles could be driven in certain parts of the province.

Rondeau made the announcement at an event where he threw his support behind NDP leadership hopeful Greg Selinger outside the downtown Manitoba Hydro building.

"We're working to do some pilot projects in communities in certain areas in the province to do see how we can do it safely and integrate these vehicles in the provincial traffic patterns," Rondeau said.

Selinger said another goal is to open up a market for Canadian-built electric vehicles in Manitoba.

Rondeau has said the province is also considering adopting similar legislative changes being made in Ontario and Quebec so that rules for slower-moving electric cars are uniform across the country. The ZENN's top speed is 40 km/h.

By: Bruce Owen

Source: www.winnipegfreepress.com

Province Supports Arctic Research with \$6 Million in Funding

September 14, 2009

To help position Manitoba as an international leader in arctic research and education, the province will invest \$6 million in the Churchill Northern Studies Centre (CNSC) over the next four years, Science, Technology, Energy and Mines Minister Jim Rondeau announced today.

"Arctic research and education is an important piece of the puzzle in creating a healthy and sustainable north," said Rondeau. "We are proud to support the CNSC in its efforts to be recognized as Canada's centre for arctic research and education."

"The funding provided by the provincial government helps CNSC promote and facilitate northern research," said Michael Goodyear, executive director, CNSC. "This research is absolutely critical to our understanding of the north's unique physical environment, social issues and continued economic development."

The minister noted funding announced today will support CNSC's plans to complete renovations to existing structures and the construction of new laboratory and

classroom facilities. The new facility will be Manitoba's most northerly green building and will comply with or exceed all provincial legislation regarding Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification requirements and design standards.

CNSC provides a variety of research opportunities in partnership with universities across North America as well as a full schedule of credit and non-credit courses in scientific and ecological studies.

The non-profit centre supports research and education throughout the western Hudson Bay region by providing logistical support, courses and field research facilities to several hundred people each year.

"The Northern Studies Centre has a significant impact on the town of Churchill and the northern Manitoba economy," said Rondeau.

"Its location at the southern edge of the Arctic tundra makes it ideal for numerous short- and long-term research projects ranging from climate change to polar bear ecology."

Aerospace Association Appoints Wendell Wiebe, M.Ed. as Executive Director

September 4, 2009

The Executive Board of Directors of the Manitoba Aerospace Human Resources Coordinating Committee (MAHRCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Wendell C. Wiebe, M.Ed. as its new Executive Director. Mr. Wiebe brings 17 years experience with Bristol Aerospace Ltd., where he was Manager of Training and Development and most recently the Director of Human Resources. Mr. Wiebe has served over 16 years on the Executive of MAHRCC, including five years as the Chair of the Board (1999 – 2004). With his proven record as a Human Resources Leader and his extensive knowledge of the aerospace industry in Manitoba and Canada, we are excited and pleased to welcome Wendell and look forward to his leadership. Mr. Wiebe will start his new role on Monday, October 5th, 2009.

Formed in 1992, MAHRCC's mandate is to assist industry and educational institutions in developing and delivering training for both existing and prospective employees in the Manitoba aerospace industry, consistent with current and projected demands for skills. It works in partnership with Manitoba Competitiveness, Training and Trade, Manitoba Aerospace companies, and selected educational organizations.

Growing Forward Business Skills Programs Applications Now Available

Applications are now available for the Business Skills Suite of programs recently launched under the Growing Forward partnership between the governments of Canada and Manitoba. Through this initiative, \$4.5 million is being invested in programs designed to expand farm management and agri product business skills.

Business Skills Suite focus resources in five areas: agri-extension business, agri skills, agri-advisors, succeeding generations and 4-H programs. Target clients include farm and post-farm business managers, ensuring the inclusion of women, young farmers, Aboriginal people, youth and new Canadians.

The Agri-Extension Business Program will help agriculture and agri-product processing businesses to expand their business/operations knowledge and increase the use of beneficial business management practices among new and established farmers and agri-product processors. The focus is on financial management, business planning, human resource management, marketing, and relationship and personnel management.

The Agri-Skills Program supports skills development and learning as a means of helping participants achieve their business goals. Agri-skills will provide financial assistance to farmers and agri-product processors to obtain training in both business skills and development. Activities include training courses that improve on-farm or value-added business practices.

The Succeeding Generations Program is directed at young farmers, helping them develop and manage viable farming practices, increase profitability and improve business operations by providing financial management information, training and mentorship.

The 4-H Program will enhance the leadership knowledge and increase exposure to business development practices among Manitoba 4-H Council, youth and youth leaders.

The Agri-Advisor Program will help Manitoba farm businesses and agri-product processing businesses to develop sound and competitive business plans, evaluate business concepts and provide an analysis of existing business plans. The program will also analyze new ways of structuring their businesses, explore innovative means of financing, engage in business succession planning and develop creative strategies in market planning and market development.

Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, is investing

\$1.3 billion towards the agriculture and agri-food industry in Canada.

Further information on all Growing Forward programs is available at any Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives GO Office throughout the province or online at www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/growingforward/index.html.

Province Supports Changes to Agricultural Practices to Help Reduce Effects of Greenhouse-Gas Emissions

September 2, 2009

Applications are now available for the Manitoba Sustainable Agriculture Practices Program (MSAPP), Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Rosann Wowchuk announced today. This program includes a beneficial management practices (BMPs) incentive to encourage producers to adopt and implement sustainable agriculture practices to help reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions that contribute to climate change. This new program will be administered in conjunction with the Growing Forward, Environmental Farm Action Program.

"Greenhouse-gas emissions contribute to climate change that affects everyone and our producers have been among the first in line to do their part in reducing emissions," said Wowchuk. "Manitoba farmers support environmental and ecological programs because their livelihood depends on sustainable land and livestock management."

The minister noted projects that help reduce greenhouse-gas emissions include planting perennial cover crops to secure sensitive land, using manure storage covers to reduce GHG and odours, utilizing reduced tillage and increasing the use of perennial legumes in crop rotations.

MSAPP is a provincially funded program administered and delivered by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives. It is part of the overall effort to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and help Manitoba to become a low-carbon, green economy along with other benefits including improved water quality, reduced production costs and improved rural economic development, the minister said.

Applicants for MSAPP must have completed an environmental farm plan or an equivalent agri-environmental plan and have received a valid statement of completion. Statements of completion are considered valid for a period of five years from the date of issue.

In addition to environmental and economic benefits, selected BMPs can help producers become better prepared for adapting to climate changes such as unpredictable and extreme weather events, longer and more frequent droughts and pest infestations, Wowchuk said.

Further information on MSAPP is available at any GO office throughout the province or online at www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/soilwater/climate/index.html.

New Regulation to Provide Manitoba Businesses With Increased Access to Capital, Encourage Investment in Manitoba Businesses

Part of Package to Help Stimulate Business: Wowchuk

September 1, 2009

Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Rosann Wowchuk today announced a new regulation to provide Manitoba businesses with increased access to capital under the Community Enterprise Development Tax Credit.

"This program provides Manitobans with valuable personal tax credits for investing in community-based projects," said Wowchuk. "We are now doubling the value of shares a business can apply for under the credit, supporting innovation and skill development for businesses while strengthening our economy and keeping investment dollars close to home."

The amendment to the Community Enterprise Development Tax Credit Regulation will increase the share approval limit for a proposed project from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Once a project is approved, a company issues shares eligible for the tax credit. People who invest in these shares receive a personal income tax credit equal to 30 per cent of their investment.

The maximum annual investment limit for an individual investor is \$30,000, equal to a maximum tax credit of \$9,000. The investments can be made either directly in an investor's own name, through their retirement savings plan (RRSP) or through their tax-free savings account.

The change to the program is just one part of Manitoba's economic plan to keep moving forward including a number of initiatives announced in Budget 2009 such as:

- . doubling the funding for the Community Enterprise Investment Tax

Credit, providing \$17 million more in investment capital for small- and medium-sized businesses;

- . tripling the amount available under the Manitoba Industrial Opportunities Program (MIOP);
- . expanding apprenticeship tax credits to include advanced level apprentices;
- . extending the co-op student and graduate components of the Co-op Education and Apprenticeship Tax Credit, the most comprehensive credit of its kind in the country;
- . implementing parallel business tax changes announced in the 2009 federal budget including increased depreciation rates for manufacturing machinery and equipment, as well as computer systems;
- . extending the Green Energy Equipment Tax Credit to include solar thermal systems in addition to geothermal systems;
- . doubling the basic credit for agricultural producers who take action to protect riverbanks and lakeshore areas under the Riparian Tax Credit program beginning in 2009;
- . making the retail sales tax exemption for manure slurry tanks and lagoon liners permanent to help livestock producers meet their environmental responsibilities; and
- . extending the Odour Control Tax Credit to the end of 2011.

Since 2003, more than \$1.8 million in investments have been made through the tax credit program, representing more than \$548,000 in tax credits for Manitobans.

For more information on the Community Enterprise Development Tax Credit Program, contact the Economic Development Initiatives Knowledge Centre at 204-945-2157 or 1-800-567-7334 or visit:
web2.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/programs/index.php?name=aaa21s04.

National

Chemicals Management Plan Moves into New Phase with Release of Draft Screening Assessments for Batch 7 Substances

OTTAWA: September 4, 2009

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and the Honourable Jim Prentice, Canada's Environment Minister, today released the draft screening assessment reports and risk management scopes for 14 substances assessed in Batch 7 of the Chemicals Management Plan.

"With the release of the seventh batch of substances out of 12 identified under the Chemicals Management Plan, the Government is moving into the second half of this important project," said Minister Aglukkaq. "We are continuing to meet all of the commitments we made to Canadians when we launched the Chemicals Management Plan in 2006."

"There is no doubt that this world-leading effort to assess these potentially harmful substances puts Canada at the forefront in the management of chemicals" said Minister Prentice. "The information gathered will allow us to make rapid progress to further protect the health of Canadians and their environment."

Of the 14 substances assessed in this batch, three may pose a risk to human health (Michler's ketone, n-BGE and 2-butanone oxime). Michler's ketone is primarily found in Canada as a residue in paper colourants; n-BGE is used as a diluent in epoxy resins, which are then used to make coatings, adhesives, binders, sealants, fillers, electrical insulation and resins; and, 2-butanone oxime is used primarily to prevent film from forming in alkyd paints, primers, varnishes and stains.

Five of the remaining 11 substances, which are no longer in commerce in Canada, have hazardous properties that could affect the environment if commercial activity resumes. Therefore it is being proposed that the Significant New Activity (SNAC) provisions of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999 be applied, which require new and future uses to be notified and assessed.

Notices containing summaries of the draft screening assessment reports will be published in Canada Gazette, Part I on September 5, 2009. The complete draft screening assessments as well as risk management scope documents for all Batch 7 substances can be found on the [Chemicals Management Plan website](#).

Interested parties can submit comments on these documents until November 4, 2009.

Source: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/2009/2009_152-eng.php

September 2009 Flash Poll Results: Cautious Recruitment and Safe Spending Necessary for Survival in Uncertain Times

September 14, 2009

Last week 113 environmental organizations provided a glimpse at how the current challenging economic climate may be affecting the environmental sector.

According to participants, environmental organizations are struggling most to recruit in areas of science and engineering. They state two predominant challenges in recruiting for these positions – a lack of experienced workers in the sector and a lack of workers that properly match the organizations' culture and work ethic.

Nearly all organizations state having taken at least some steps to better cope with the negative affects their businesses have felt due to economic conditions. Most operations are simply reducing unnecessary expenses such as staff functions and unneeded company travel while one-third of companies have resorted to freezing or cutting salaries.

The larger majority of organizations expect to be in a 'cautious' hiring frequency for the next 6 months – findings which have shifted since ECO Canada last asked the question in June 2009. The many organizations who expected to have no intention of hiring then, have now moved to a tentative outlook. Likewise, many operations that stated their expectations to be either consistent with past years or even potentially hiring at increased rates, in June 2009, have also shifted to a cautious forecast.

Quotes:

Question: "If your company's strategic direction has changed over the past year, please describe some of the ways that it has shifted."

"We are moving some of our market emphasis back to the industrial side of the business, after a couple of years of municipal focus." Greg Jackson, President - ACG Technology Ltd.

"Our strategic direction has not really changed except to more aggressively apply, where possible, for government funding for environmental projects." Jeff Mercer, Director of Finance & Administration - Paradigm Environmental Technologies, Inc.
"We are now more focused on internal optimization and long term strategy execution of our business." Brenda Sweeney, Manager, Human Resources - Newalta Corporation

About ECO Canada's Flash Poll Program:

The ECO Canada Flash Poll is a program aimed at collecting and relaying critical, timely research on human resources issues that matter to the Canadian environmental sector. The poll is delivered to employers and key industry professionals operating in a human resource capacity and the results which are generated within 5 days of the poll opening serve to inform media, government and industry leaders to assist in strategic planning and policy development.

About ECO Canada:

ECO Canada develops programs that help individuals build meaningful environmental careers, provides employers with resources to find and keep the best environmental practitioners, and informs educators and governments of employment trends to ensure the ongoing prosperity of this growing sector. For more information please visit: www.eco.ca.

Business and Career Opportunities

Local

CCME - Review of Current Approaches and Assumptions for Calculating Acid Deposition Critical Loads

CCME is now accepting proposals for the following contract opportunity:

Project 479-2010 –Review of Current Approaches and Assumptions for Calculating Acid Deposition Critical Loads. Proposals will be accepted until Tuesday October 6, 2009, 12:00 Noon CDT. Please click on the following link for details: <http://www.ccme.ca/contracts/index.html>

Manitoba Career Week

The MEIA is a sector council of the Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils. If your company is a member of the MEIA, we would be happy to include information on your company at the MEIA booth which will be set up at the following events.

The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils (AMSC), Community Outreach Steering Committee has been very busy planning a number of extraordinary events to celebrate Manitoba Career Week (November 1-7, 2009). As champions of career and workforce development in Manitoba we have this exceptional opportunity to showcase our organizations and the sector/industry that we represent. The following is a list of events that will be taking place at 1000 Waverley:

Take Our Kids to Work Day

The Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils will hold an event at 1000 Waverley Street to celebrate Take Our Kids to Work Day 2009. The event will include activities such as AMSC's Industry Awareness Game, WEST games and activities, Career Information Booths, Career Exploration on the web (career cruising, job futures, etc). All parents are invited to drop-in with their grade 9 students and learn about the 1,000's of exciting careers in Manitoba.

Timeline: November 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Career Information and Awareness Evening

In celebration of Manitoba Career Week, the Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils will host an evening event filled with information booths, workshops and presentations geared toward Manitoba citizens who are going through a transition, looking for second careers, re-entering the workforce, new to Manitoba, etc. The evening workshops will include:

- PLAR Information
- Skills Portfolio Development
- Resuming Writing
- Job Searching
- Preparing for Interviews
- Volunteering
- And many, more

Timeline: November 5, 2009 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Opening Doors Parent Expo

An annual event hosted by the Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils and the 17 sectors that they represent. This all day come-and-go event provides parents and caregivers with the tools and resources they need to guide their children in their career decision making. The event will include information booths, hands-on demonstrations and presentations and much, much more.

Timeline: Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, or to provide information about your company, please contact the MEIA office at 783-7090, or admin@meia.mb.ca

National

Clean Tech Funding Available

If you have a new, innovative technology that helps address climate change or promotes clean water, land or air, then Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) wants to hear from you.

SDTC's SD Tech Fund™ is accepting Statements of Interest from September 2 to October 21, 2009

The SD Tech Fund™ invests in late-stage development and pre-commercial demonstration of clean technologies by Canadian companies. For more information please visit: <http://www.sdtec.ca/en/SOInfo.htm>

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

The Prairie Water Policy Symposium

September 22 – 23
Inn at the Forks, Winnipeg

From Cumulative Threats to Integrated Responses
Hosted by The International Institute for Sustainable Development

For more information go to www.iisd.org/natres/water/pwps.asp

Foundation Design Workshop (1.8 CEUs)

Global Innovative Campus
Winnipeg, MB - November 23-November 25

Global Innovative Campus
For more information click [here](#)

Work IT - ICTAM : Breakfast Event and Workshops with Lionel Laroche

September 30, 2009
Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg

Information and Communication Technologies Association of Manitoba (ICTAM) is hosting a breakfast event at the Fairmont Hotel on 30th September to provide information about the Iceland-Manitoba Labour Cooperation Agreement. As part of the event we have Lionel Laroche as keynote speaker. Lionel will also be facilitating a workshop following the breakfast.

For more information see

www.ictam.ca/index.php/events.html?task=view_detail&agid=34&year=2009&month=09&day=30&catids=53

The Manitoba Green Show

February 9–10, 2010
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

For more information see www.landscapemanitoba.com

National

Linkages 2010 Announcement & Call for Abstracts

The Linkages 2010 Forum to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon on January 12, 2010. The Forum provides a unique networking opportunity for technology researchers/innovators, private sector firms and investors to collaborate in developing and commercializing technology in the sustainable infrastructure domain.

Abstracts due October 9, 2009. For more information see www.seima.sk.ca

Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1 and 11 (1.2 CEUs)

November 6 - 7, 2009
Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Mississauga

Global Innovative Campus
For more information click [here](#)

Climate Change: Legislation, Regulation & Emissions Reporting

Change of Date: November 9 - 10, 2009
Courtyard Marriott, Toronto Ontario

Climate Change has affected the way we live, and the way we do business.

The Canadian Standards Association, a not-for-profit membership-based association, is presenting a forum in downtown Toronto, Canada on September 21-22, 2009 for organizations who are interested in learning about the new trends in standards, legislation, policies, regulation and emissions reporting of Greenhouse Gases in Canada and the U.S.

Hear directly from government, industry and standards experts on the new direction for business planning, how to reduce and report emissions, and the tools you need to create an effective Greenhouse Gas Management Plan that will benefit your organization.

For the full brochure as well as to register, please go to:

https://learningcentre.csa.ca/lc_site/be.asp?gid=50016245&tid=50041499

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Western Canadian Hazmat Symposium

HAZMAT: Before, During & After – The 3 Phases of Response

October 7 – 9, 2009
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The Western Canadian Hazardous Materials Symposium 2009 is an unprecedented opportunity for emergency response personnel. The goal for this year's symposium is to provide the education and tools needed to protect the safety and wellbeing of responders and communities across North America.

For symposium inquiries contact 1-877-244-9500 or symposium@envirotec.ca

For more information visit www.canadahazmat.com

Coast Waste Management Association Conference - “Rebuilding from the Waste Up”

October 21 – 23, 2009
Westin Bear Mountain Langford, B.C.

Additional information regarding this event may be found at: [Coast Waste Management Association](#)

On line registration is available now at <http://cwma.bc.ca/about/oconform.html> and sponsorship and tradeshow opportunities are available by contacting the CWMA office (250) 733 2213 or info@cwma.bc.ca

Climate Change –Measuring and Reducing Your Carbon Footprint in a Changing Regulatory Environment

November 9 - 10, 2009
Courtyard Marriott, Toronto Ontario

The impacts of climate change are inescapable. Businesses and organizations face the realities of new provincial, federal and North American regulations, enhanced reporting and verification requirements, and the need to demonstrate a renewed sense of corporate responsibility. In this rapidly-evolving environment, “Business as Usual” is no longer an option.

CSA Standards has assembled a panel of leading North American climate change professionals, including key representatives from the federal and provincial government, to guide you through two intensive days designed to foster understanding of the changing regulatory and reporting requirements, as well as how to position YOUR business to become carbon neutral while capitalizing on the opportunities this new environment will inevitably create.

Climate Change WILL impact your business; join us to gain the tools and learn the strategies that will allow you to prosper within this new reality.

Register TODAY for the Early Bird price, until September 25th! MEIA Members will receive a 10% discount.

Note: Quote "Climate Change" at hotel booking for a preferred rate until October 5th

Duration: 2 days



[Download PDF Brochure](#) for a full course information

GLOBE 2010: Conference Outline Now Available

International Conference and Trade Fair on Business and the Environment

March 24-26, 2010
Vancouver, Canada

Our high-level program features over 200 expert speakers and 50 educational sessions on topics relating to: corporate sustainability, energy priorities, climate change and carbon management, sustainable finance, water, clean(er) technology, and building greener cities.

In addition to the conference, a closely integrated Trade Fair will showcase over 450 eco-efficient technologies for emissions reduction, alternative energy, transportation systems, and more.

You will be in very good company at this world-leading event, joined by 11,000 attendees from 70+ countries representing some of the most forward-thinking organizations from around the world who will converge at GLOBE to network and discuss the business case for sustainability.

For further information on GLOBE 2010, please visit the event website:
www.globe2010.com.

International

International Mine Water Conference

Pretoria, South Africa
October 18 – 23, 2009

For more information go to:

<http://www.wisa.org.za/minewater2009.htm>

Adaptation to Climate Change: The Role of Ecosystem Services

November 9 – 13
Costa Rica

For more information see:

<http://www.unisdr.org/english/events/v.php?id=3298>

4th Annual Cellulosic Biofuels Summit 2009

November 16-19, 2009
Almas Temple Club, Washington D.C.

The Summit has established itself as the major gathering place where all the communities in the cellulosic biofuels value chain assemble each year to help advance the development of the nation's cellulosic biofuels industry. In November, leaders from the feedstock, industrial biotech, biofuel technology, plant developer, finance, oil and transportation communities will return to Washington, D.C. to report on their activities, consider the next steps forward and share their perspectives on the progress in reaching the commercial production of cellulosic biofuels. The Summit provides a rich opportunity for offline discussions where everyone has the chance to meet other groups in the value chain and establish ongoing relationships. For more information click [here](#)

Ökoindustria - Environmental expo in Hungary

Budapest
(November 18-20, 2009)

Canadian Companies are welcome to attend an international environmental expo in Hungary. The professional organizer is the Association of Environmental Enterprises (www.kszgysz.hu) and the patron of the event is the Minister of Environment and Water, Mr. Imre Szabo. For more information visit:

<http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/eng/events.jsp?cid=205&oid=100> or www.okoindustria.hu

The program includes conferences on biogas, waste, energy efficiency, recycling, drinking water, wastewater, another workshop will try to find solutions on how to reduce Europe's ecological footprint, and as a wonderful networking opportunity, the Enterprise Europe Network will offer an international business meeting with environmental experts from all over the region.

For those interested companies, associations, universities, clusters etc. who are not able to attend in person, you can take part in a catalogue show. Information can be sent to the Embassy for display at the event.

If this event is of interest to you, please contact Kayla Burechailo for more information.

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United Nations Climate Change Conference

December 7 – 18
Copenhagen, Denmark

For more information see www.unfccc.int

Forest Day 3

December 13, 2009
Copenhagen, Denmark

Forest Day 3 will be held on 13 December at the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark. It will take place alongside the 15th Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and will be hosted by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the Government of Denmark and CIFOR.

For more information see www.forestday3.org

Energy Transitions in an Interdependent World Conference

February 25 & 26
University of Sussex

The Sussex Energy Group at SPRU (Science & Technology Policy Research), University of Sussex is organizing and hosting an international conference to discuss and debate emerging research agendas in energy social science.

The conference will be held at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, on the 25th and 26th February 2010 and is open to academics, policy makers, industry and non-governmental organizations working in the field of energy transitions. We welcome abstracts that outline theoretically robust and empirically informed contributions to one or more of the following themes:
low carbon energy innovation; secure and resilient energy systems; the politics of sustainable energy transitions.

Further details including the full conference call and application guidelines are available from the conference website:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/conference>

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