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MEIA

MEIA Events

Was Something Rotten in Denmark?

February 17, 2010

Manitoba Hydro Building, 360 Portage Avenue, Rooms 603 and 604

Registration and Lunch: 11:30 am

Presentation: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

A Copenhagen Climate Meeting Assessment... Implications for Canada and Manitoba

According to most accounts the international climate change negotiations in Copenhagen failed to produce a meaningful outcome. However, the devil is, as they say, in the details and these negotiations are all about the details. COP-15 was supposed to establish the framework for the next global agreement on climate change and over 125 heads of state were on hand to ensure its success. Instead the

talks collapsed and managed only to produce the weak and non-binding Copenhagen Accord.

Dennis Cunningham from the International Institute for Sustainable Development will discuss the outcomes of the Copenhagen meeting, what went wrong, what went right and what it all means for national and provincial initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Lunch will be provided.

Register [here](#)

Remediation and Prevention

Thursday, February 25, 2010
Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue

Register **before January 31, 2010** to take advantage of early bird rates!

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. Concurrent sessions will be held throughout the day; closing remarks at 4:00 p.m.

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 A.M

Click [here](#) to view draft agenda and to [register](#)

The 2010 conference is sponsored by:

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Industry Standard Emergency First Aid Course

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
B-390 Provencher Blvd

*Workplace Safety and Health regulations state that an employer must ensure that a minimum number of first aiders are present during working hours at a workplace.

Workplace Safety and Health requirements: 1 person trained for every 11 employees (minimum).

The Manitoba Environmental Industries Association in conjunction with Canadian First-Aid Training offers this training at considerably reduced rates.

The full day training, from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. includes:

Emergency First Aid w/CPR Level A
(EFA-A - CPR: Adult - 1+2 rescuers) - (Industry standard course)

Best practice - Expires after 1 year. Good for 3 years

To view all that the course includes, click [here](#)
This \$55 price can't be beat! Register [here](#)

MEIA Environmental Career Fair

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
University of Manitoba
3:00 – 7:00 pm

“Bridging Professionals of Today with Those of Tomorrow”

Manitoba Environmental Industries Association and its Student Chapter, the University of Manitoba, Red River College, Manitoba Green Building Council, University of Winnipeg and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources cordially invite you to join us at the first Annual Provincial Environmental Career Fair. “Bridging Professionals of Today with Those of Tomorrow” provides an excellent career development and networking opportunity for highly skilled and motivated students from various fields of study to meet with established professionals representing the diverse career paths available in the environmental sectors in Manitoba. Students gain insight about their desired career path through an exchange of knowledge of the rapidly growing industry, as well as effective career planning strategies. Businesses and organizations will showcase their companies or associations to those entering environmental fields.

Additional Information about the Career Fair:

This event is NOT a job fair and therefore we do not expect our exhibitors and practitioners to provide jobs to students (although we welcome this should you wish to use this venue to recruit qualified students).

There is no fee for exhibitors and practitioners to participate in the fair. The fair has received sponsorship by the University of Manitoba C.H.R. Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources Cooperative Education Option.

We are requesting that interested companies and practitioners set up booths during the exhibition period from 3:00 to 6:30. During this time students from institutions across the province are invited to circulate and network with practitioners and company representatives.

We are organizing breakout sessions during this period in which representatives across the environmental sectors can participate in information sessions geared toward specific professional topics. We invite you to participate in these sessions and will provide details in the next several weeks regarding topics related to training requirements, competencies and employment trends in specific environmental sectors.

We look forward to hearing from you and will be happy to answer any questions regarding the 2010 Environmental Career Event. We ask that you RSVP your interest by Monday, February 8th, 2010 by emailing Deb Tardiff at dtardiff@meia.mb.ca or by phone at 783-7090.

Please forward this invitation to anyone you feel may be interested in this opportunity.

The Challenges & Opportunities of Scrap Tire Recycling in Manitoba

Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street

Registration & Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.
Presentation: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m

Presented by: Brett Eckstein, Executive Director, Tire Stewardship Manitoba

Register [here](#)

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Canad Inns Fort Garry - 1824 Pembina Hwy

Keynote speaker and further details to follow.

Breakfast and registration: 7:30 a.m

(Please note that if you are not joining us for breakfast, you can attend the AGM at no cost. Please confirm your attendance with the MEIA staff at 783-7090).

Click [here](#) to register

Industry Standard Emergency First Aid Course

Wednesday, May 26, 2010
B-390 Provencher Blvd

To register, please call the MEIA office at 783-7090

Golf Tournament

May 27, 2010
St. Boniface Golf Club

Details of the 2010 tournament will be available soon. This year's event will offer opportunities to win:

- Silent Auction Prizes
 - proceeds will go to the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation
- Door Prizes (just for showing up)
- 50/50 Draw (that's your Mulligan!)

Register [here](#)

Enercan West

November 25, 2010

The MEIA is partnering with the Saskatchewan Environmental Industries and Managers's Association to host the 2nd bi-annual Enercan West conference on November 25, 2010 at the Fort Garry Hotel. This conference will focus on alternative energy

If you are interested in participating on the organizing committee of this conference, please contact the MEIA office at 783-7090.

Interested sponsors can call the MEIA staff or click [here](#) to view sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

What Else?

MEIA is planning a number of other events including:

- a one day workshop on water technologies
- a half day session on waste management and recycling
- a half day session on recruitment and retention

If you are interested in assisting or participating in these events, contact the MEIA staff at 783-7090 or admin@meia.mb.ca

MEIA News

Interested in the MEIA?

Do you know someone who should be on our information distribution list? Are we sending information to the proper person within your company? Please email our office at admin@meia.mb.ca with names and contact information and we will be sure they receive MEIA news!

Members Only Section of Website

The MEIA is currently developing a “Members Only” section of the MEIA Website.

If you have any ideas on items you would like to see in a members only section, please let us know by phoning the MEIA office at 783-7090, or emailing admin@meia.mb.ca

Stay tuned for developments!

General News

Local Interest

Governments of Canada and Manitoba Support UWIN Create at the University of Winnipeg

January 15, 2010

Cisco Innovation Centre to foster increased research and collaboration

A joint federal-provincial investment, combined with an endowment from networking technology leader Cisco, will enable the University of Winnipeg's environmental science program to increase research on "green" technology and expand its collaboration with industry, leading to more business opportunities.

Under the Canada-Manitoba Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA), the Governments of Canada and Manitoba are investing a total of \$7 million toward 34 leading-edge research and teaching labs as a core part of the new UWin CREATE (the University of Winnipeg Commercialization Research and Education Alliance for Science, Technology and the Environment).

"Our Government recognizes that excellence in research and innovation is essential to building a more innovative economy in Manitoba," said the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board, and Member of Parliament for Provencher, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification. "Through investments in science and technology in partnership with industry, we are helping translate research into business success which strengthens our economy and helps us compete on the world stage."

"This investment in leading-edge technology reinforces Manitoba's commitment to developing centres of innovation, learning and research to continue to build on our successes in today's knowledge-based economy," said the Honourable Peter Bjornson, Manitoba Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade.

This investment will enable the University to work more closely with industry in commercializing innovative environmental technologies through UWin CREATE's demonstration and technology transfer capabilities. It will also ensure a highly skilled workforce for Manitoba's environmental industry, leading to business and employment growth

UWinnipeg will become a hub for a provincial network of Cisco TelePresence™ sites, as the Government of Manitoba funds TelePresence systems at the University

of Brandon (Brandon) and University College of the North (The Pas). Efforts are underway to extend the TelePresence network to include a node in Ottawa.

UWin CREATE will be based in the University of Winnipeg's new Science Complex and Richardson College for the Environment, slated to open in spring 2011.

In a major boost to UWin CREATE's research and teaching capabilities, Cisco is providing a \$2 million endowment to the University of Winnipeg for the Cisco Chair for Collaborative Technologies. The Province of Manitoba, under the Manitoba Research Innovation Fund, is also contributing \$2 million in support of the Cisco Endowed Research Chair, totalling \$4 million.

Cisco is also donating a two-endpoint Cisco TelePresence virtual meeting system to UWinnipeg, making it the first university in Canada with this advanced technology. The TelePresence system, which promotes energy conservation by reducing travel and delivering measurable energy savings, will be used for distance education and for more effective collaboration with research sites in Manitoba and around the world.

One TelePresence endpoint will be based in the new Science Complex and Richardson College for the Environment. The second will be located inside UWinnipeg's Faculty of Business and Economics in a new building opening in fall 2010.

"Research, education and policy development are essentially collaborative endeavours, crucial to the success of future generations, communities and countries. The Cisco Innovation Centre for Collaboration Technologies will help academic leaders and government policy makers extend expertise, share resources and reduce environmental impact," said Nitin Kawale, president, Cisco Canada. "We are delighted to partner with the University, the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada in establishing this centre of excellence at UWinnipeg."

"The creative public-private partnership announced today places UWinnipeg front and centre in Canada in developing sustainable, forward-thinking ways to nurture global connectedness," said Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg. "With the TelePresence technology on campus, we will be well positioned within a cluster of leading institutions - namely, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium, Manitoba Hydro and the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health - to be known internationally as a community for scientific and environmental excellence. There is also enormous potential to grow this collaborative technology into a viable commercial unit to benefit business, governments and others in our community."

The investment by the Governments of Canada and Manitoba is made through the Canada-Manitoba Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA). Both Canada

and Manitoba are contributing \$25 million each, over four years, to strengthen economic activity and improve quality of life in western Canadian communities.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

The Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation: Does Your Firm Have to Register?

Any business that supplies, distributes or sells packaged products or printed paper in Manitoba may be affected by new provincial legislation that goes into effect April 1.

The Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation requires affected companies to register as product stewards and to remit fees that are used to cover up to 80% of the cost of municipal recycling programs.

A new industry group—Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM)—has been tasked with collecting fees and running the stewardship program. To find out if your company must register and pay fees, visit the [MMSM website](http://stewardshipmanitoba.org) stewardshipmanitoba.org. Stewards must register no later than March 31, 2010.

A presentation on steward fees for 2010, and on how to register and report, will be held January 29, 2010 from 11:00 to 12:30 in Winnipeg (location to be determined).

Alternately, stewards may choose to participate via the Web. To register to attend in person or online, visit the [MMSM website](http://stewardshipmanitoba.org) then navigate to the What's New tab.

Source: The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce E-Update: January 20, 2010
www.mbchamber.mb.ca

Applications Now Available For Provincial Hometown, Urban Green Team Grants

Applications are now available for grants to hire youth for summer jobs in Manitoba through provincial Green Team programs, Healthy Living, Seniors and Youth Minister Jim Rondeau announced today.

“Many young Manitobans rely on summer jobs to help them pay for their post-secondary education,” said Rondeau. “Through the successful Hometown and Urban Green Team programs, rural municipal governments and not-for-profit organizations in Manitoba are able to create jobs that help students learn valuable career skills while contributing to worthwhile community projects.”

Funding for the Hometown Green Team program is available for the not-for-profit sector and municipal governments in rural Manitoba, while the Urban Green Team program is available to not-for-profit groups in Winnipeg. Organizations can hire up to four youth between May 1 and Aug. 31. The application deadline for jobs that begin in May is Feb. 16, while the deadline for jobs that begin after June 14 is April 6.

The Green Team programs were introduced to create employment opportunities for youth aged 16 to 24. Participating employers provide a wide range of community development opportunities that improve neighbourhoods, promote community involvement and help develop young leaders. Since 2000, more than 11,000 jobs have been supported by the grants throughout the province.

Jobs for summer employees can include projects that support recreation, housing rehabilitation and neighbourhood safety, as well as park and riverbank cleanups and public education programs on a variety of community development projects. More information and applications for interested sponsors can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/opportunities/summer_careers.html or by calling 945-3556 in Winnipeg and 1-800-282-8069, ext. 3556 (toll-free).

Source: The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce E-Update: January 20, 2010
www.mbchamber.mb.ca

Province Boosts Mineral Exploration with \$1.4-Million Assistance Program

Mining Industry Flourishing In Northern Manitoba: Chomiak

January 22, 2010

The provincial government is providing \$1.4 million through the second round of the 2009 Mineral Exploration Assistance Program (MEAP) to support 25 new mineral exploration projects, Innovation, Energy and Mines Minister Dave Chomiak announced today.

"The mining industry continues to flourish in Manitoba," said Chomiak. "News from Snow Lake is good; Hudbay Minerals is developing a new mine and restarted the Chisel North Mine while Garson Gold Corporation/Alexis Minerals Corporation are looking at reopening the new Britannia Gold Mine."

The minister noted MEAP funding helped HudBay and Garson Gold advance their projects. As a result, the return for Manitoba is jobs and economic development for northern communities, he said.

"Garson Gold Corporation has been active in Manitoba since 2006," said Jamie Lavigne, vice-president of exploration with Garson Gold Corporation. "MEAP is one of the factors making Manitoba an excellent province to conduct property exploration and evaluation programs. MEAP has allowed us to accelerate our exploration programs."

MEAP was renewed for an additional three years in April 2008. The program offers \$2.5 million of assistance annually through two offerings per year. The program provides assistance for up to 25 per cent of approved eligible expenses to a maximum of \$300,000.

There is a higher level of assistance, up to 35 per cent to a maximum of \$400,000, to encourage exploration in under-explored frontier regions and to help sustain mining communities.

Eleven of the 25 projects qualify for the higher level of assistance and are in the Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Snow Lake and other northern areas. Mining projects throughout the province are expected to generate \$18.8 million in additional exploration expenditures.

"Manitoba is ranked as one of the top 10 places worldwide for mineral policies favourable to mining investment," said Chomiak. "We're among the top provinces in Canada for competitiveness in mining taxes and our geological database has been consistently placed as one of the best in the world."

To view a map showing the location of the MEAP projects visit:
www.gov.mb.ca/stem/mrd/busdev/incentives/index.html.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

Iconic Tall-Grass Prairie Nears Extinction, Disappearing Faster than Before

January 23, 2010

The endless sea of shoulder-high prairie grass that greeted settlers of Manitoba's Red River valley centuries ago is near extinction and disappearing at an alarming rate, a new study has found.

Less than one per cent of Canada's original 6,000 square kilometres of tall-grass prairies remains - most of it in Manitoba. The fields are home to more than 1,000 different species and are partially responsible for mitigating potentially devastating spring flooding.

A new study published this month in the journal *Biological Conservation* has found that what little remains of the tall-grass prairie is disappearing faster than ever before. Nicola Koper, author of the study and ecologist at the University of Manitoba, found more than one-third of the remaining tall-grass prairies have disappeared since they were last surveyed in the 1980s.

Remaining patches of the unique Canadian ecosystem characterized by towering varieties of grass and flowers are being taken over by other species or deteriorating rapidly, she added.

"Even though we knew that it was extraordinarily endangered in the late 1980s and took steps to try to conserve it, in fact, in general the ecosystem has declined even further from this previously seriously endangered state," she said.

"Most of it has been heavily impacted by humans and is getting worse."

The destruction of the tall-grass prairies began when settlers first arrived. Tall-grass prairies relied on bison and wildfires to keep trees and other species at bay, Koper said.

When the West was settled, both bison and wildfires died out, leaving the tall-grass prairies vulnerable. Other alien species, such as dandelions and sowthistles, are moving in and crowding out the tall-grass prairies, she said.

This spells doom for the dozens of butterflies, rare plants and songbirds that make their home in the tall-grass prairies. Pollinating species that are vital for canola crops also use the prairies, Koper added.

The tall-grass prairies have historically minimized the impact of annual flooding in the Red River Valley by slowing the spring snow melt and increasing soil absorption, she said.

Some of the remaining prairies are protected, but more needs to be done, Koper said.

"Do we as a society want to retain this component of our heritage and have tall-grass prairies where we can bring our own children and allow them to pick flowers that are taller than themselves?" she said. "We have to decide as a society what's important for us."

A coalition of government and environmental groups, including the Nature Conservancy of Canada, is involved in preserving a large swath of tall-grass prairie in southeastern Manitoba.

Cary Hamel, conservation science manager with the Manitoba region of the conservancy, said it takes a lot of work to keep that patch of prairie thriving. The area is regularly subjected to grazing and controlled burning to keep woodland species from taking hold, he said.

Essentially, Hamel said, they recreate the conditions that existed before settlers ever arrived in the West.

"Where remnant prairie exists, if it isn't being managed as a prairie, it's being largely invaded by invasive species," he said. "We've kind of drawn a circle around a part of Manitoba."

Still, there are new threats emerging all the time, Hamel said, not the least of which is climate change. For now, environmentalists are just focusing their efforts on maintaining and possibly expanding the current preserve near the U.S. border.

"At that one location, I feel pretty good that it's a case where we can preserve it into the future," Hamel said. "In that area, we're winning the battle."

Source: www.winnipegfreepress.com

Business and Career Opportunities

Local

MEIA Environmental Career Fair – Opportunity to Participate

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
University of Manitoba

Book Your Booth!

Manitoba Environmental Industries Association and its Student Chapter in collaboration with the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, are pleased to promote a new career-development initiative, "Bridging Professionals of Today with those of Tomorrow".

This annual networking event will bring together professionals from across diverse environmental industries with extremely motivated and skilled students who are advancing into the environmental professions. The event promotes professional development opportunities, an exchange of knowledge of the rapidly growing industry, and discussions of career opportunities.

The First Annual Event is being held at the University of Manitoba on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

To reserve booth space, please contact Deborah Tardiff, at the MEIA at dtardiff@meia.mb.ca or phone (204) 783-7090.

2010 Manitoba Venture Challenge

Applications Due: February 26, 2010

www.umanitoba.ca/entrepreneur/outreach_programs

The 2010 Manitoba Venture Challenge (MVC) is a province wide competition open to new and existing businesses seeking outside investment or in need of advice in order to launch or expand their businesses. The MVC is a partnership between Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade, the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Asper School of Business, and the private sector.

Applications for the Venture Challenge are due February 26, 2010.

Further information regarding the Manitoba Venture Challenge (program outline, rules, application forms, informational flyer and important dates) can be found at

www.umanitoba.ca/entrepreneur/outreach_programs

ECO Canada Student Award and Ambassador Program

ECO Canada is now accepting applications for its Student Award contest.

Encourage your students to apply for the ECO Canada Student Award 2010 and they will have a chance to become one of five post-secondary students selected from across Canada to join ECO Canada's booth during the GLOBE 2010 conference and trade show, to be held in Vancouver, BC, March 24-26, 2010.

Winners will:

Receive the title of Student Ambassador 2010

Present a poster outlining their environmental research during the 3-day conference

Receive \$1,000 in cash to cover all, or part of their travel and accommodation expenses

Gain access to the speakers' sessions at the conference

Conditions of Award:

Participants are responsible for organizing and paying for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

How to apply?

Complete an application form online at www.eco.ca ("Student" section). To apply, log in (or sign up) as a "Student" and follow the links.

Applicants will be required to submit a 250-word description of their poster and arrange for a reference letter to be sent to ECO Canada no later than February 8, 2010.

Capturing Opportunities Awards Celebrate Community Volunteers, Achievements, Corporate Partnerships: Struthers

Nominations Now Being Accepted For 2010 Awards

January 19, 2010

Capturing Opportunities, Manitoba's rural business forum, will honour the achievements of volunteers and corporate partnerships that benefit Manitoba's rural

communities in April, Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Stan Struthers announced today.

"Manitobans know who the movers and shakers are in their communities, the go-to people who can be counted on to get things done and which companies offer support to community activities," said the minister. "These are the people and companies who create the success stories that benefit our rural and northern communities. This will be the opportunity to give them the official recognition they so richly deserve."

The annual Capturing Opportunities forum will take place at the Keystone Centre in Brandon on

April 22 and 23. Capturing Opportunities awards are presented at the celebration banquet at the Keystone Centre on Thursday, April 22.

Nominations are now being accepted for the four award categories:

- Outstanding Community Leadership - for individuals who have made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of their community or region, who have served as a catalyst for positive action and exhibit the highest standards of community leadership, dedication, ability and innovation.
- Economic Development Innovation - for organizations or municipalities whose actions illustrate innovation in community development, build on the resources of the community, respond to challenges and opportunities, and demonstrate outcomes in rural economic development.
- Rural Youth Achievement - for individuals, associations or municipalities whose activities enable youth to take action on their concerns.
- Economic Development Innovation Corporate - for businesses whose corporate actions illustrate innovation in community economic development through co-operation with community partners, build on the resources of the community, respond to changes, challenges and/or opportunities, and demonstrate outcomes in rural economic development.

Award winners will receive a commemorative artistic glass award and \$1,000 to contribute to a community organization of their choice.

"Our province is proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of community participants of all ages and from all walks of life, organizations, municipalities and businesses that use their leadership, communication and organizational skills, energy and enthusiasm to bring about the positive changes that make their communities and regions a better place to live and work," said Struthers.

Nomination forms are available at any GO office, by contacting the Capturing Opportunities office at 1-800-933-9863 or online at www.capturingopportunities.ca.

Nominations will be accepted until noon on Thursday, April 1.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

Deadline Approaching for First Intake of Applications for the 2010 Environmental Farm Action Program

January 19, 2010

In continued support for agricultural producers willing to undertake environmentally beneficial projects in their operations, applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Environmental Farm Action Program (EFAP).

EFAP is part of the federal-provincial Growing Forward suite of agriculture programs announced last year to support agricultural producers in reducing environmental risks and providing real environmental benefits through changes in practice to improve the management of Manitoba's agricultural resources.

More than 1,200 applications were received for the 2009 program.

The deadline for the initial intake of applications for the 2010 fiscal year is February 1. Additional intakes will be scheduled throughout the year.

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 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. The EFAP will operate for four years concluding with the end of Growing Forward on March 31, 2013.

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 on-line at:

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

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

International

Canada Trade Mission to Greece and Turkey - May 2010

The Government of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) is organizing a trade mission to Istanbul, Turkey, and Athens, Greece in May 2010. A formal letter of invitation will follow shortly.

Following closely on the heels of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games, Canada's profile will be prominent on the world stage making this an ideal time to showcase Canadian capabilities in key sectors throughout Greece and Turkey. This mission will help raise Canada's commercial profile with key decision makers and potential clients. Canadian companies will also benefit from the new Canada-Turkey and Canada-Greece Double Taxation Agreements.

The mission will focus on an array of opportunities in the following sectors (please see attached market overviews for more information):

In Greece the focus will be on Agriculture and Agri-Food; Aerospace and Defence; Clean Energy; Environment; and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

In Turkey the focus will be on Aerospace; Clean Energy; Environment; ICT; and Mining.

Aerospace and Defence: Greece holds promising opportunities in aircraft and aerospace systems. Opportunities in Turkey abound in both civil and military aircraft - in corporate-use fixed and rotary wing aircraft; and in parts and accessories for civilian and military aircraft, including engines and landing gears.

Agriculture and Agri-Food: The food industry in Greece is one of the most profitable and fastest growing sectors with significant export potential. Turkey has a strong processed and value-added agri-food sector. Current Canadian agri-food trade includes lentils, canola seeds, wheat, corn, food industry residues, hatching eggs, bovine semen, and pet food.

Clean Energy: With strong growth in domestic demand in both countries, there are many opportunities in wind power, solar power, photovoltaic panels, hydrogen fuel cells, biomass, hydro and nuclear technology. The Turkish government is implementing financial incentives to attract investors in this sector.

Environment: Both Turkey and Greece have taken measures to deal with serious environmental challenges resulting in new business opportunities. In the Greek market there is strong growth potential in waste management and environmental equipment and services. The Turkish market offers opportunities in air and water purification technologies, waste water treatment, solid waste disposal, environmental impact studies, and waste containment and handling for mining industries.

ICT: These markets are rife with opportunity in equipment and services in software, hardware and wireless technology.

Mining: Turkey is among the richest countries in the world in terms of mineral deposits. Ever since the implementation of a new Mining Law, enacted in 2005 and designed to liberalise the business environment in the sector, mining exploration licenses, and FDI, have shown significant growth.

This trade mission will help you access the many opportunities in these important markets by actively promoting your technologies and expertise. We will build on Canada's world-renowned reputation in these priority sectors to increase both our growth potential and partnerships. A conference call for interested companies to learn more about the opportunities in these markets will be organized in February 2010. Details will follow early in the New Year.

Those of you who have been on previous Canada trade missions will be familiar with their tremendous value to Canadian companies. Trade missions provide various networking opportunities and access to key local businesses and government contacts. Such opportunities will impact your current and future business endeavours considerably.

We are seeking Canadian companies with the expertise and capacity to provide needed services and/or products to the Turkish and Greek markets.

To receive an invitation package to participate in the trade this mission, please complete the attached form and return it to me by email or fax:

Brigitte Martin
Business Development Officer, International Trade Missions Division,
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Tel.: 613-944-7072 Fax: 613-995-8669 or brigitte.martin@international.gc.ca

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

Aboriginal House, U of M, An Integrated Approach

Maire McDermott, Sustainability Coordinator at the University of Manitoba is responsible for advocating for sustainability on campus. She will talk about the LEED design experience of developing Aboriginal House from the student, staff and University perspective. Elements to be discussed will include the cultural and spiritual significance of the building and how these elements were integrated into the design process.

Date/time: Tuesday February 2, 2010 11:50 am – 1:15 pm
Location: Manitoba Hydro, 3rd floor, rooms 603/604, Winnipeg, MB
Registration: Send your RSVP to manitobachapter@mts.net attn: "Aboriginal House"

You MUST be pre-registered to be escorted to the meeting room for security reasons.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday January 26th, 2010, noon [please note date change.]

Cost: MBCaGBC Members \$20; non-members \$30 (no GST)

Please note that no-shows will be charged.

Registration fills quickly. Register today to ensure your spot!

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February 9–10, 2010
Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

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Presented by Canadian Manufacturing and Exporters, Manitoba
March 23–26, 2010

March 23: Manufacturing and Trade Conference 2010
Discovery Hovercraft Finals; Discovery School Tours
March 24: Job Fair
March 25: Gala Awards

Better Buildings Conference

Manitoba Chapter, Canada Green Building Council
April 13 – 14, 2010

Find out about:

The newest and most up-to-date information on Sustainable/Green Buildings with a focus on Manitoba
How to incorporate innovative design, technology, and operational best practices in your building project
Enhanced building performance
How being environmentally conscious can positively impact your bottom line
Tips and tools for greening your workplace

Registration opens in January 2010. Visit us at: www.betterbuildings.org

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Globe 2010

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:
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International

Next Generation Bio-Based Chemicals Summit

February 8-10, 2010
Westin San Diego, San Diego, CA

For more information click [here](#)

Green Building Convention 2010

February 18 – 20
Pune, India

An international convention focused on sustainable development and eco-friendly construction, scheduled to be held at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre, Pune, India, from the 18th to 20th February, 2010.

GBC'10 is an initiative designed to promote the concept of Green Buildings in the design, construction & operation of building projects and serves as a platform to showcase the latest products & innovations in the industry. The event also proves to be an ideal forum for exploring new business opportunities and for dissemination of knowledge in the quest to deliver sustainable development & green architecture.

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>

<<https://exchange.lse.ac.uk/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/conference>>

World Bioenergy 2010

May 25-27, 2010
Jonkoping, Sweden

Conference and Exhibition on Biomass for Energy

For more information, click [here](#)

Water in Mining 2010

II International Congress on Water Management in the Mining Industry
Santiago, Chile
June 9 - 11, 2010

The theme is "Protecting Water Quality: Reconstituting the Natural World".

For additional information, please contact:

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or visit the website at www.wim2010.com

Air and Waste Management Association's 103rd Annual Conference & Exhibition

Energy and Environment

June 22 - 25, 2010

Exhibition: JUNE 22 – 24
Calgary Telus Convention Centre
Calgary, Alberta

For more information, please visit, www.cpans.org/ACE 2010

World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing

June 27 – 30, 2010
Washington, D.C.

The World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing will bring together scientists, industry and government leaders, and academia from around the globe to exchange ideas about the growing biotechnology industry.

Attendees will enjoy presentations various topics including biotechnology for climate change, cellulosic biofuels, renewable chemical platforms, energy from algae, specialty chemicals, food ingredients and more.

This unique conference will feature dynamic plenary sessions, international networking opportunities, and business partnering meetings. Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are available; please contact us at worldcongress@bio.org or 202-962-6630.

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