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MEIA News

Green Building: LEEDing the Way

Wednesday, February 25, 2009
 Centro Caboto Centre
 1055 Wilkes Avenue
 7:30 – 9:00 am

Presented by Rodney McDonald of the Manitoba Chapter, Canada Green Building Council.

The Canada Green building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System has gained considerable momentum across Canada and in Manitoba since the launch of LEED-Canada in 2004. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the core LEED rating system and the family of LEED products. The presentation will also discuss the momentum for green building in Canada and complimentary drivers such as government policy.

Members: \$40 Non-members: \$50

To register, please click [here](#), or call the MEIA office at 783-7090 for more information.

What is PIPEDA?

Learn more about the Personal Protection & Electronics Documents Act.

Wednesday, March 25, 2009-02-23

Fort Gibraltar

866 St. Joseph St.

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Presentation by Wendy Elliott – a Privacy Consultant who develops and delivers privacy and access training. She acts as a consultant to all three Manitoba privacy Acts – FIPPA, PHIA, and PIPEDA.

Members \$40 Non-members \$50

To register, click [here](#)

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2008

Victoria Inn

1808 Wellington Avenue

Winnipeg, MB

Registration: 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

AGM (including hot breakfast): \$40 MEIA Members/\$50 Prospective

No charge for members attending AGM only

Contact MEIA at 783-7090 for further details or register [here](#)

MEIA Golf Tournament

May 28, 2009

St. Boniface Golf Club

Mark your calendar! More details soon.

General News

Local Interest

Manitoba Trade with China, U.S. Up 11 Percent in 2008: Swan

February 13, 2009

Manitoba's total trade with China and the United States continued to increase in 2008, rising by 11 per cent to \$27.9 billion from \$25.1 billion in 2007, Competitiveness, Training and Trade Minister Andrew Swan said today.

"Increasing our trade with key markets has been a priority and our international trade has grown steadily," Swan said. "In these challenging times, it is especially important to keep Manitoba moving forward. We must continue to pursue business and trade opportunities in new and emerging markets. This diversity is one way to help ensure that our economy remains stable in tough times."

"It is extremely important that we continue to promote our province and the business and investment opportunities that we have to offer. We are building Manitoba through exciting new initiatives such as CentrePort Canada, our inland port, and in times of economic uncertainty, we need to work together with renewed focus and determination," said Chris Lorenc, president of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and board member of CentrePort Canada Inc.

"Co-operative trade missions like the recent mission to China helps open doors to new opportunities and are an important part of continuing our growth and ensuring a prosperous future."

Lorenc was a member of the Manitoba delegation that joined the recent trade mission to China led by premiers Gary Doer, Dalton McGuinty of Ontario, Shawn Graham of New Brunswick, Robert Ghiz of Prince Edward Island and former Quebec premier Pierre Marc Johnson.

"The aggressive pursuit of trade and investment with the Chinese market has never been more important particularly in these tough economic times," said Dave Angus, president and CEO, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. "As business with the U.S. is pressured, trade diversification will be the strategy of choice for Manitoba exporters. The mission not only served to create relationships that are ready to be leveraged, but it also identified the many tremendous opportunities that await Manitoba business in the world's fastest growing economy. The time is now for us to pursue these opportunities."

Overall, Manitoba's two-way trade has grown by 42 per cent over the past four years to \$28 billion in 2008 from \$19.8 billion in 2004. During that time, total trade with the United States grew by 39 per cent to \$21.3 billion in 2008 from \$15.4 billion in 2004. Trade with China grew by 63 per cent to \$1.3 billion in 2008 from \$804 million in 2004.

Increasing trade in markets such as Asia and Europe was one of the outcomes of last fall's premiers' meeting on the economy. The premiers' trade mission to China, Canadian Leaders' Mission: China 2008, took place Nov. 1 to 7 and included more than 110 participants from industry, education and other Canadian organizations.

The total cost of the China mission to government was \$67,332 including \$39,428 for the Canada-China Business Council, which partnered with the Council of the Federation on the mission, to provide support, promotions and programming for business delegates, \$15,710 for transportation, \$6,660 for accommodations, \$1,993 for meals, \$280 for translation and \$102 for hospitality. Members of the business delegation paid their own travel costs. Mission costs were comparable to previous missions to India in 2006 and to Mexico in 1998.

The Manitoba delegation to China was one of the province's largest trade delegations, second only to the one to India in 2006. In total, the China mission included 25 delegates from private industry, education and other Manitoba organizations plus the premier, two government staff members and two staff people to support the business delegation.

Source: www.gov.mb.ca

National Interest

Consultation on Canadian Environmental Assessment Processes

CCME's Environmental Assessment Task Group is consulting on options to address a range of issues associated with the completion of provincial/territorial and federal environmental assessments (EA) in Canada, including a one project-one assessment approach to EA and the development of regional strategic environmental assessments. CCME invites all interested organizations and individuals to review the draft papers and provide comment.

Click here for details:

http://www.ccme.ca/ourwork/environment.html?category_id=135

Government of Canada Releases Draft Risk Assessments for Substances Included in Batch 5 of the Chemical Management Plan

OTTAWA: February 20, 2009

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, and Canada's Environment Minister, the Honourable Jim Prentice, today announced the release of the draft screening assessments and risk management scope documents for 19 chemical substances included in Batch 5 of the Chemicals Management Plan.

"The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring the safe management of chemical substances, which is why we launched the Chemicals Management Plan in 2006," said Minister Aglukkaq. "With the release of the draft risk assessments for these 19 substances, we are taking another important step to further protect the health of Canadians."

"We are working hard to meet the timelines we laid out for addressing chemical substances," said Minister Prentice. "We are committed to studying these substances and gathering the best information available to ensure that we deal with any risks they pose responsibly."

Of the 19 substances included in Batch 5, two substances are proposed to be of concern to human health (Acrylamide and TCEP (Tris(2-chloroethyl)) phosphate). Current information indicates that the remaining 17 substances are of no concern to human health or the environment.

Of these remaining 17 substances, one is no longer used in Canada (Disperse Orange 5) and one is used primarily as a pesticide (Chloroacetamide) and this use will be discontinued later this year. Significant New Activity provisions are being proposed to manage the risks associated with these two substances. These provisions will prevent these substances from being used in the future without undergoing a new series of assessments.

Notices containing summaries of the draft screening assessment reports will be published in Canada Gazette, Part I on February 21, 2009. The complete draft screening assessments as well as risk management documents for all Batch 5 substances can be found on the [Chemicals Management Plan website](#). Interested parties can submit comments on these documents until April 22, 2009.

The Government of Canada is committed to meeting the five-year timeline that was announced in 2006 for completion of work under the Chemicals Management Plan. The original sequence of batches outlined for Challenge substances will be continued and the regular spacing between releases of information will also continue to allow stakeholders enough time to review and analyze the information. All associated dates will be updated on the website.

Source: www.hc-sc.gc.ca

International Interest

New paper on "Environmental Economics and Modeling Marketable Permits: A Survey"

The ISB University of Zurich has released a new paper titled "Environmental Economics and Modeling Marketable Permits: A Survey". The paper can be downloaded from this web page: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1346352>

Abstract:

This paper reviews fundamental concepts in environmental economics and explores theoretical results regarding the choice of the key policy instruments for the control of externalities: taxes, subsidies and marketable permits. The paper explains why today market mechanisms are increasingly being used as a tool for allocating unpriced rights and scarce resources. We survey how significant market imperfections, a pre-existing regulatory environment and concentration in both permit and output markets can impede the proper functioning of a permit system. The main factors that affect the effectiveness of marketable permits are then discussed. Given the importance of understanding the emission permit price formation, we overview recent attempts at developing valid price models for emission permits, taking into account banking and borrowing opportunities, pollution abatement measures, strategic trading interactions and the presence of asymmetric information in the permit market.

2009 Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Workforce Needs Assessment Survey

The [GHG Management Institute](#) and [Sequence Staffing](#) are proud to present the 2009 Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Workforce Needs Assessment Survey. The survey gathers the opinion of more than 700 key international industry professionals, scientists, and organizational leaders from across the globe.

The report identifies the workforce needs that are necessary to the success of climate change policies and carbon markets globally. It identifies seven key findings, some of which are:

Greenhouse gas accounting is critical to any climate change response; Most believe there is a shortage of experts who have the skills that are necessary to address climate change, including measuring and mitigating greenhouse gases; Majority foresee that more "green" jobs will be welcomed in the years to come, and Universities and other educational organizations need to provide adequate training for greenhouse gas accounting and management skills.

"In a field that is technical and open to accounting mistakes, it is crucial that there are trained professionals capable of supporting a cap-and-trade program or carbon tax system," Michael Gillenwater, dean of the GHG Management Institute, says. "Our survey indicates that experts believe there is a serious risk of carbon markets and policies being discredited in the future by scandals like we saw with Enron and in the mortgage markets. To avoid this, we will need professionals with the skills and ethics to account, audit, and manage GHG emissions. "

"These findings are in line with the demands and rapid growth in the field of climate change and the global greenhouse gas market," Sequence vice president Frank DeSafey said. "The need for expertly trained, skilled and personnel in this field is absolutely critical today if the international community is to successfully meet the challenges and reap the opportunities."

Click [here](#) to download the 2009 Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change Workforce Needs Assessment Survey.

Joint Implementation Quarterly (JIQ)

A new issue of [Joint Implementation Quarterly \(JIQ\)](#): The issue can be downloaded from: <http://www.jiqweb.org/jiq0408.pdf>

In this issue are the following contributions:

- A discussion article on the extent to which ETS allowance prices have been following market fundamentals.
- A discussion on last week's Communication by the European Commission on the EU climate policy positions towards Copenhagen.
- A Position paper by the Joint Implementation Action Group on the Determination and Verification Manual (DVM).
- A report on the conclusions from the ENTTRANS study on reforming the CDM to support low-carbon technology transfer
- A discussion article on how to treat Combined Heat and Power plants in JI project baselines.
- A description of the technology of Energy Towers.

Business and Career Opportunities

Local

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 February 25 to April 22, 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>

National

Technical Officer - Water Resources/Water Quality - NRC-CSIR

Technical Officer - Water Resources/Water Quality for the sustainable infrastructure cluster initiative

To view posting, click [here](#)

Industrial Technology Advisor specialized in Environmental Technologies – NRC - IRAP

To view posting, click [here](#)

Industrial Technology Advisor specialized in Industrial / Manufacturing Engineering – NRC-IRAP

To view posting, click [here](#)

Seeking Employment

Amanda Huculak

Graduating at the beginning of May with a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies Honours Co-op degree. Seeking a job in the Environmental Sector. Areas of expertise are in Environmental Management, International Development, and Sustainable Tourism.

View [Resume](#)

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Trade Show

Local

Capturing Opportunities

April 23 and 24
Brandon, Manitoba

The MEIA will be participating on a panel at Capturing Opportunities, hosted by the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI).

Watch this website: <https://www.capturingopportunities.ca> for further details of the conference to be held on April 23 and 24, 2009 in Brandon, Manitoba.

National

EnerCan West: Energy for a Sustainable Future

March 16 – 17, 2009

Saskatchewan, as a Canadian and global leader in economic growth, is the place for investment, research and business development. And energy is top-of-the-heap for opportunities from all perspectives.

EnerCan West, a two day energy conference and trade show co-hosted by the Saskatchewan Environmental Industry and Managers Association (SEIMA) and the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association (MEIA) is on a fast-forward trajectory for delivery of the best minds, best practices and best technological information available in the field of sustainable and renewable energy options.

On March 16 & 17, 2009, the EnerCan West inaugural event will focus on the role of nuclear energy in the energy mix of the future. Where does nuclear fit in a climate-challenged world?

WE'RE PROUD TO LAUNCH OUR NEW WEBSITE AT www.enercanwest.com, where you'll find all the details on this exciting new international conference and trade show. Check it out now!

AMERICANA International Environmental Trade Show and Conference

MEIA is a Supporting Organization of Americana 2009

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

Canadian Renewable Energy Workshop

March 10 – 12, 2009
Regina Inn Hotel and Conference Centre
Regina, Saskatchewan

Knowledge, Technology and Connections

The 2009 Canadian Renewable Energy Workshop is the first stop on the path to optimizing your strengths and realizing your renewable energy ambitions. Attendees will enjoy world-class presentations at the only conference in Canada that combines emerging biofuels and biomass power in one.

For more information click [here](#)
www.crew2009.com

World Conference on Sport and the Environment Coming to Vancouver

March 29-31, 2009

A worldwide forum on opportunities and issues for sustainable sport is coming to Vancouver. The International Olympic Committee (IOC), in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will convene the 8th World Conference on Sport and the Environment from March 29-31, 2009.

The theme for the 2009 conference is Innovation and Inspiration: Harnessing the Power of Sport for Change. The program will feature speakers from the international sport community examining how sport organizations and major sporting events can contribute to environmental, cultural and economic sustainability at local, regional and global levels. The conference will offer plenary and concurrent sessions under two conference tracks: Sport for Environmental Solutions and Sport for Sustainable Living.

The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) will host the conference at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre on behalf of the IOC and UNEP.

"It is an honour to be hosting such a prominent conference on sport and the environment here in our own backyard at a time when the eyes of the world are on us," said John Furlong, chief executive officer for VANOC. "We are especially proud, as Canada and particularly British Columbia, are leaders and innovators in environmental stewardship and sustainability. This conference presents a unique

opportunity for local and international delegates to share new knowledge and experiences with a global emphasis."

The IOC supports Olympic cities hosting the World Conference as it provides an arena for discussion on sustainability and the Olympic Movement. The conference brings the world together to recognize the progress made in staging more sustainable Games while encouraging cooperation and further development of environmental initiatives relating to sport as well.

"The environment is an important part of the work of the Olympic Movement and we recognize there can be many opportunities for sport and the Olympic Games to provide sustainable environmental legacies," said Jacques Rogge, IOC President. "The recent attention given to global warming has pushed sustainability to the very top of the agenda for governments, businesses and ordinary citizens. The conference brings together the world of sport and environment to share knowledge and advance practices related to sport and its relationship with the environment and communities."

This will be the first time the international conference will be hosted by a Canadian city. Past conferences have been held in Nairobi, Kenya; Torino, Italy; Nagano, Japan; Kuwait City, Kuwait; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and, Lausanne, Switzerland. The 7th World Conference on Sport and the Environment was hosted by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China in October 2007.

In addition to the conference, the 2009 World Conference on Sport and the Environment will feature an [Innovation and Inspiration](#) exposition to showcase best practices by organizations in the Olympic family who promote sustainable living and sustainable development through sports. The exposition will be open to the general public as well as the international audience of high-level conference delegates, including IOC and UNEP representatives and global corporate entities.

Interested exhibitors should book early as this opportunity is sure to sell out. Please contact The Globe Foundation at +1 604.775.8027 or e-mail exhibits@wcse2009.com.

Registration for the conference is now open. Visit <http://www.wcse2009.com/> for more details about the program and conference features.

About the WCSE

The World Conference on Sport and the Environment typically attracts a global audience of many hundreds of participants, including representatives from the IOC, UNEP, National Olympic Committees and International Sports Federations, past and current Organizing Committees, candidate cities (current and aspiring), other major international sporting events, governments, corporate sponsors, academic

institutions and environmental organizations. Learn more about the WCSE at <http://www.wcse2009.com/>.

About VANOC

VANOC is responsible for the planning, organizing, financing and staging of the XXI Olympic Winter Games and the X Paralympic Winter Games in 2010. The 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 - 28, 2010. Vancouver and Whistler will host the Paralympic Winter Games from March 12-21, 2010. For more information about VANOC and the 2010 Winter Games, visit www.vancouver2010.com.

About GLOBE

The GLOBE Foundation is a Vancouver-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding practical business-oriented solutions to the world's environmental problems. Formed in 1993, the Foundation has helped companies and individuals realize the value of economically viable environmental business opportunities through [conferences and events](#), [research and consulting](#), [project management](#), [communications](#) and [GLOBE Awards](#).

For More Information: [GLOBE-Net](#)

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

The Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show

The 22nd Annual Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show (SERC) will be conducted at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, in Destin, Florida on March 1-4, 2009, Trade Show on March 1-3.

Each year the Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show (SERC) provides the premier forum for informing the public and private sectors of the economic and environmental significance of recycling and waste reduction in the Southeast. Attendees will have excellent networking opportunities and a chance to visit the exhibits to preview the newest advances in recycled products and services.

Tentative conference presentation topic areas include the following:

- * Recovered Material Market Up-Dates and Prices (Paper, OCC, Plastic, Aluminum, Steel & Glass)
- * Advances in Recycling Processing and Collection Technologies
- * Recovering More Recyclables
- * Public Education/Promotion
- * Recycling Coordinator Training - Beginner's Guide
- * Recycling Coordinator Training - Advanced Techniques
- * Organics Recycling and Composting
- * Non-traditional Recyclables - Markets and Collection Techniques
- * Going Green (Procurement, Building, Events)
- * Waste-to-Fuels & Energy Recovery
- * RFPs and Contract Writing
- * Cross-Fire - SERC will bring back the popular Cross-Fire Panel at this conference

For more information on the following, please click [here](#)

Call for Papers, Registrations, Exhibitors and Sponsors
Recycling Coordinator Scholarships and Travel Grants
Student Scholarships
Golf Tournament
Sponsorship
Exhibiting
Registration
Hotel Registration
Contact Information

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>

Canadian Pavilion at Designbuild 2009 in Sydney, Australia

May 21 – 23, 2009

There will be a Canadian pavilion at Designbuild 2009, an international building and design exhibition, for the building, construction, building products and design sectors. The tradeshow will be held May 21-23, 2009 in Sydney, Australia. Opportunities for Canadian building products exports exist in the provision of innovative building products and materials. Some of the products in demand include insulation materials, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly green building products, wood-based building products and Do-It-Yourself home improvement components.

<http://www.international.gc.ca/canadexport/articles/90121d.aspx>

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.

Clean Technology Conference and Expo 2009

May 3 – 7, 2009
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas

Our Mission: Advance the development, commercialization and global adoption of clean technologies and sustainable industry practices.

Powerful Community: Clean Technology 2009 brings together over 5,000 [technology and business leaders](#) and experts from academia, investment, government, startups and Fortune 1,000 companies.

Delivering Results: Identifying latest clean technologies and commercial sustainable solutions, driving advanced research insight and best practices, matching buyers and sellers, enabling strategic partnerships, and providing IP licensing, venture capital, corporate financing and customer acquisition opportunities.

For more information click [here](#)

Monitoring Climate Change Impacts: Establishing a Southern Ocean Sentinel Program

Workshop 20-24 April 2009
CCAMLR Headquarters, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Supported by the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), WWF, and the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Co-operative Research Centre (ACE CRC)

A timely interdisciplinary workshop to address important issues in measuring, assessing and providing early-warning detection of climate change impacts on marine ecosystems and biodiversity, by measuring change in the Southern Ocean. A key focus will be to promote national and international collaboration.

Scientists, policy and decision-makers and representatives of NGOs are invited to participate.

For further information visit www.aad.gov.au/sentinel or email sos@aad.gov.au