



## Agenda

### Building the Biomass Network of the South

December 8, 2011

Georgia International Convention Center

Atlanta, Georgia

**8:30 – 9:30am**

**Continental Breakfast & Networking**

**9:30 – 9:45**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Liam Leightley, Chairman, Southeast Agriculture & Forestry Energy Resources Alliance

**Meeting Overview**

Ted Abernathy, Southern Growth Policies Board

**9:45 – 10:30**

**Keynote – Building Public Support for Bioenergy**

Mike McAdams, President, Advanced Biofuels Association

*In this session we will discuss what makes a strong organization, examples of success through cooperation, and what the keys are to a sustainable and viable partner network.*

**10:30 – 11:15**

**Keynote – Building & Maintaining a Strong Network**

Dr. Janet Rechtman, Organizational and Leadership Developer, The Fanning Institute at the University of Georgia

*In this session we will discuss how to develop a strong leadership team and mission, build a strong membership foundation, and craft and multiply a consistent message.*

**11:15 – 11:30**

**Break**

**11:30 – 12:15**

**Network Tools & Resources**

Moderator: Charity Pennock, SAFER

- Brent Bailey, 25x'25 Alliance
- Jennifer Bumgarner, Energy Foundation
- Kathy Baskin, Southern States Energy Board

- Anne Blair, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
- Sumesh Arora, Strategic Biomass Solutions

*There are a number of organizations and tools that can support the work of bioenergy networks in the South. This panel will explore what those tools are and how to access them.*

**12:15 – 1:00pm**

**Lunch**

**Keynote – Bioenergy and Federal Policy Update**

Ernie Shea, Project Coordinator, 25x'25 Alliance

**1:00 – 2:15**

**Panel – State Network Success Stories**

Moderator: Brent Bailey

- Warren Nevad, Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council
- Paul Quinlan, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association
- John Clark, South Carolina Biomass Council
- Ross Harding, Georgia Pine to Energy Coalition

*This session will allow participants to hear success stories from around the South through panel presentations and audience participation.*

**2:15 – 2:30**

**Break**

**2:30 – 3:15**

**Barriers to Success**

Facilitator – Ted Abernathy

*Participants will break up into groups and identify 2 or 3 challenges to their networks' sustainability or the bioeconomy in general. They will develop potential projects or initiatives to address those challenges.*

**3:15 – 3:45**

**Reporting and Discussion**

Facilitator – Ted Abernathy

**3:45 – 4:00**

**Next Steps & Adjourn**

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