



Regional Integration for the Future: Renewable Energy and Land Use Planning

February 22 – 23, 2006

Jackpot Casino and Hotel
Morton, Minnesota

This workshop is hosted by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation, National Association of Counties (NACo), Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), Minnesota Energy Office, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), Redwood Area Development Corporation and partners under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Coordinated via the Southwest Regional Development Commission in Slayton, MN.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mobile Workshop and Lunch

Lunch and orientation before boarding the buses

Four Sites: Farmers Union Marketing and Processing Association (FUMPA) BioFuel, Granite Falls ethanol plant, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) WindTowers & MinAqua Fisheries in Renville

Coordinated by Redwood Area Development Corporation with contributions from the University of Minnesota Initiative for Renewable Energy and Environment (IREE)

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Reception featuring the Redwood Valley High School steel drum band, heavy hors-d'oeuvres and hosted bar

Sponsored by: Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) and Minnesota Rural Partners, Inc.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast Buffet & Registration

9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Introduction and Acknowledgements

Kelly Novak, Research Manager, NADO, Washington, DC

Jay Trusty, Executive Director, Southwest RDC, Slayton, MN

9:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Alternative Energy: Regional Integration

Dick Maxwell, Home Farm Technologies, Canada

Wayne Hansen, AURI/Center for Producer Owned Energy

Eric Woodford, Woodford Custom, Inc., MN

Ralph Groschen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

10:15 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Planning Infrastructure: Partnerships to Resources Discussion Panel

Ron Rebenitsch, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, ND

John Biren, Lyon County Planning and Zoning, MN

Mark Willers, Minwind, MN

Kevin Walli, Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, MN

Robert Ferguson, Jackson County Commissioner and Heron Lake Bio-Energy, MN

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Speakers

Eric Ciliberti, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC (invited)

Mike Bull, Minnesota Department of Commerce

2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Conservation, Diversification and Community Needs

Rick Goodemann, SW Minnesota Housing Partnership

Dan Juhl, Dan-Mar, MN

Jim Kleinschmit, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, MN

3:30 p.m.– 3:45 p.m.

Conclusion and Discussion

3:45 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Plaque Presentation

**Southwest RDC Director Jay Trusty and Southwest RDC Board Member Gene Short,
Redwood County Commissioner, past president of the Association of Minnesota Counties
and NACo member**