

RENEWABLE HEAT WORKSHOP

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: DEVELOPING WOOD ENERGY MARKETS

15 November 2011

Árd Rí Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway

9:30 – 13:30

This workshop presents the experiences of wood energy deployment in the public sector and reviews the technical and financial issues impacting on future market growth. The workshop brings together public sector heat users, installation companies, fuel suppliers and local development players to discuss how local action can drive the growth of wood energy supply chains. In addition to the lessons from the RASLRES project, the experiences of the County Clare Wood Energy Project and Donegal County Council will be considered, and a new initiative spearheaded by Mayo County Council, *Renewable Energy Mayo*, will be outlined.

Workshop Topics

- Provide technical and financial information based on project case studies
- Outline wood energy project examples from the Irish and Scottish markets
- Review the role of ESCO contracts and issues for their adoption
- Assess the development models for supporting local wood energy supply chains

Who should attend?

- Heat users from the public and private sector i.e. facility managers, building officers
- Private installation companies and other SMEs with capacity to enter the market
- Existing and potential fuel suppliers
- Consulting engineers and O&M companies working with the public sector
- Those charged with finance for capital projects
- Public agencies and community players with a role in supporting economic development e.g. LEADER companies, Local Authorities, community enterprise groups

HOW TO REGISTER

Register to attend by emailing info@raslres.eu, or phone the WDC Offices +353 (0) 94 986 1441

Closing date for registration is Friday 11th November 2011. While this event is free of charge, registration is required.

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

09:30 **REGISTRATION (tea/coffee)**

10:00 Welcome, Helen Rochford Brennan, WDC Chair

10:10 **WOOD ENERGY AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR HEAT MARKET**

RASLRES lessons and insights for growing the wood energy market

- Bernadette Phelan, WDC/RASLRES

Selection of Case Studies

Cahercalla Community Hospital & Hospice, Ennis: installation and operation of a 300kW boiler

- Gerard O'Halloran, Maintenance Manager

Teagasc Mellows Campus, Athenry: design and procurement of a 250kW boiler heating three buildings

- Michael O'Kane, Buildings Officer

HSE West: experience to date of biomass in HSE buildings

- Declan McGoldrick, Capital Projects Manager

11:00 **DELIVERING MARKET GROWTH**

The role of the County Council in supporting local wood energy markets

- Charles Sweeney, Donegal County Council

An overview of the Scottish market and use of ESCOs

- Steve Luker, RASLRES

11:30 **Q&A**

11:50 **BREAK**

12:10 Parallel Group Discussions

Topic 1: Issues in designing and delivering ESCO Contracts

Panel of experts: Steve Luker and Tom Bruton, RASLRES

Of interest to large scale heat users (>150kW) and fuel/installer companies

Topic 2: Opportunities for small scale installations

Panel of experts: Paddy Donovan, RASLRES; Fred Tottenham, RASLRES; Áine O'Callaghan, Teagasc/County Clare Wood Energy Project

Of interest to small scale heat users, small scale installers, firewood producers and suppliers

Topic 3: Developing local wood energy markets through local policy and action

Panel of experts: Bernadette Phelan, WDC/RASLRES; Shane Mulchrone and Áine Carr, Renewable Energy Mayo; Gloria Callinan, Clare Local Development Company/County Clare Wood Energy Project

Of interest to County Councils, LEADER companies, community development groups, enterprise groups and local actors who can support local biomass projects

13:00 Feedback from Groups and Q&A Session

13:30 Closing comments

Followed by light lunch and networking