

DECC Wetland Biomass to Bioenergy Scheme

Competition Briefing and Industry Engagement Event

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DECC will be hosting a briefing and industry engagement event on Monday 8th October at Hamilton House, London, WC1H 2BD, for the Wetland Biomass to Bioenergy competition.

This day will be an opportunity to find out more about the wetland biomass to bioenergy scheme and to liaise with potential collaborators across the supply chain.

What is the Opportunity?

The recently published Bioenergy Strategy emphasised the need for sustainably supplied feed stocks to underpin any future bioenergy system. The strategy considers a number of factors that can affect the overall value of bioenergy, including:

- The impact of direct and indirect land use changes on carbon emissions
- Potential land use competition, for example with food production and housing

The UK undertakes a considerable amount of land management activities on private and public land, for example to maintain parkland or to conserve wildlife habitats. This land management results in the production of biomass waste that in many cases are either burned or left to decompose.

DECC will be investing up to £2m to develop and demonstrate an efficient bioenergy system that optimises existing wetland management activities and utilises the biomass waste. Funded projects will explore the options to meet the objectives below;

- Optimisation of wetland management processes to increase harvested biomass in a manner sympathetic to wetland habitat conservation requirements and limitations
- Efficient production of bioenergy feed stock utilising the resultant biomass (likely to be reeds, rushes, grasses and sedges) that comply with emission standards or equivalents when used to generate energy
- A cost effective and energy/carbon efficient bioenergy conversion process capable of utilising the specified biomass waste.

Further information

DECC expect to support projects that can demonstrate a cost effective and energy efficient bioenergy process with at least one innovative step from cutting of biomass to energy production.

DECC are collaborating with a consortium of wetland managers from two UK regions to support this scheme:

1. the Somerset Levels and Moors
2. the Broads, Fens and Suffolk Coast.

This consortium will provide support to the projects in terms of advice on conservation requirements and challenges, and facilitating access to trials sites, areas for harvesting, processing, storage and provision of biomass.

How can I find out more about it?

Details about the competition can be downloaded from [here](#). This site will be updated with details on how the competition process will run, including the timeline, and all relevant documents, such as application forms and competition guidance when the competition is launched.

Who should attend?

This event is free to attend and will be open to any organisation with an interest in the competition for funding. All potential lead consortia and consortia members are advised to send a delegate.

Outline of the day's agenda

09.30 Arrival and refreshments

10.00 Welcome and background to competition

10.30 Competition scope

11.00 Speed networking activities - Delegates are invited to present a 2 minute overview of their expertise relating to this competition

12.30 Lunch

13.00 Collaboration discussions - a chance to discuss the competition scope and request a 1-to-1 for private discussions

14.00 Details of application process - how to apply, the financial information you'll need to provide, etc

15.30 Close

Registration

To register to attend the briefing event please go to www.wetland-biomass-to-bioenergy.eventbrite.co.uk

Please indicate if you would like to present a slide on the expertise that your company or organisation can bring to any potential collaboration.

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