



Industry Leaders Meet in Ottawa to Confirm Canada's Clean Energy Potential

OTTAWA, ON—(December 4, 2012) – Industry leaders and professionals from across Canada are in Ottawa for the 9th Annual Canadian Renewable Fuels Summit (CRFS), taking place from December 3-5, 2012.

Organized by the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA), this is the premier Canadian policy conference for the ethanol and biodiesel industry. Individuals from Canada's leading petroleum, ethanol and biodiesel companies, as well as trade suppliers, government officials and members of the finance and investment industries are among the 300 attendees.

"Today, we find ourselves in an exciting and special time for the energy sector in Canada," said CRFA President W. Scott Thurlow. "Biofuels are the driver to reducing our environmental impact and biofuels production has an unparalleled economic upside, creating jobs across the country. Unless we capitalize on these environmental and economic advantages, we will fall short of meeting our nation's true energy potential and capabilities."

The CRFS provides an important opportunity to exchange ideas and gain a global perspective on Canada's renewable fuels industry. This year's theme - ***Sustainable, Secure & Diverse Energy Now!*** - reflects the direction our renewable fuels industry is taking to transform our past achievements into the foundation for a stronger and more diverse energy mix in Canada.

"Canada is in a unique position. We have the resources, the science, the technology and the knowledge to become world leaders in renewable fuels," said Tim Haig, Board Chair of the CRFA. "Fossil fuels are an integral part of the global economy, and will be for many years to come. But we also need to continue introducing alternatives into Canada's energy mix and explore new, innovative fuel sources."

The CRFS is taking place at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa. Program topics include:

- The Future of the Bioeconomy in Canada;
- Forces Shaping the North American Biodiesel Industry;
- Ensuring Market Opportunities and Fuel Quality throughout the Supply Chain; and
- Industry Perspectives on Next Generation Production in Canada.

Keynote speakers include political columnist, Chantal Hébert, and Dr. Mark Jaccard, Professor of Resource and Environmental Management at Simon Fraser University.

To view the CRFS program online visit: <http://greenfuels.org/en/industry-information/summit/program.aspx>

About the CRFA

Founded in 1984, the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the use of renewable fuels for transportation through consumer awareness and government liaison activities

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