



## Biomass Coordinating Council Program



The Biomass Coordinating Council (BCC) is a Program of the American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE), a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. The BCC Program works to accelerate the adoption of renewable biofuels, bio-power, biothermal, biogas and bio-based products into mainstream American society through work in policy initiatives, convening, networking and communications. BCC's goals include reducing America's dependence on oil, creating a cleaner environment and expanding markets for rural America.



### Scope

*BCC promotes all renewable and sustainable uses of biomass including:*

**Biofuels** such as ethanol, methanol, biodiesel and other biofuels for surface transportation, maritime, and aviation use

**Biopower**, biothermal, biogas and combined cycle systems to boost efficiency and improve economics. Technologies include co-firing and co-gasification with coal

**Bio-based products** such as plastics, solvents, lubricants, adhesives and fertilizers used to replace petrochemical-based products

**Biomass feedstocks**, which serve the "6F" industries -- food, feed, fiber, fuel, fertilizers and feedstocks for chemicals -- and are inseparable in their basic requirements. All biomass feedstocks are dependent on optimized land use, vitalized soil and adequate water supplies

### Program Activities

*BCC Promotes and advances biomass through focused activities including:*

**Working Groups** – industry specific and cross-cutting working groups convening leaders and stakeholders in the biomass world to discuss trends, opportunities and partnerships

**Webinars** – discussion of relevant topics and news impacting the industry

**Regional Roundtables** – addressing crucial topics and issues facing the biomass industries throughout the country

**Partnership for the Advancement of Biomass (PFAB)** – education resource that supports the national and state policy communities focusing on renewable energy, in particular the uses and benefits of biomass

**Mark Riedy, Partner, Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky And Popeo, PC:** *"The BCC plays a very important role in promoting biomass and biomass related industries, such as biopower, advanced biofuels, bioproducts and pellet manufacturing, domestically and internationally. The BCC and its membership provide a terrific opportunity for collaboration, discussion, information sharing, and problem solving. The BCC actively engages its members in advancing biomass, creating new financial mechanisms and models and getting projects financially closed and then up and running."*



## Opportunities for Members

**Expand** business and market development opportunities for BCC members across the country

**Reinforce** an important avenue for effective education on the opportunities for biomass

**Voice** the perspective of BCC members and biomass stakeholders across the U.S. and to the federal government and Congress in Washington, D.C.

**Support** the opportunities to hear, work and interact with industry and government, including top CEOs, senior executives, non-profit leaders and government officials



## Branding Opportunities

- BCC Regional Roundtables (2/yr)
- BCC Webinars (3/yr)
- PFAB events & activities
- BCC Meetings (2/yr)
- BCC Website

**Mike Zimmer, Senior Counsel, Thompson Hine, LLP:** *“The BCC provides a platform through which representatives from the biomass world can network with peers, learn from experts, and help educate others about biomass markets, policies, and technologies. BCC is a great program which provides leadership through its interface with federal and state government, financial entities, biomass industry manufacturers, developers and biomass stakeholders including NGOs and trade associations.”*

## Membership

BCC membership is attained by joining ACORE as a member organization, and identifying the BCC as the principal area of special interest. Interested organizations can register online:

<http://www.acore.org/membership/>.

The BCC Program of ACORE serves as a forum through which a wide range of sectors, including renewable energy industries, associations, utilities, end users, professional service firms, financial institutions, law firms, non-profit groups, universities and other educational organizations and government agencies can interact and work together on common interests in the renewable energy sector.



### **Bill Holmberg, Chairman, Biomass Coordinating Council:**

*“Opportunities for biomass industries are rapidly expanding to meet the needs of the nation. The mission of the BCC team is to capture those opportunities. We urge members to work collaboratively in promoting all the biomass industries within the Biomass Wheel. Biomass is well positioned to do the heavy lifting in the renewable energy and energy efficiency world – contributing to well over 50% of the renewable energy used. The BCC Program exists to enhance and advance biomass opportunities and the industry as a whole throughout the Western Hemisphere through its relationship with the Latin American and Caribbean Council On Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE).”*

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