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GLOBAL WATCH MISSION SEMINAR

From Tree to Fuel: woodfuel
supply chain infrastructure

19 MAY 2005
STONELEIGH PARK EXHIBITION AND
CONFERENCE CENTRE, COVENTRY

About the event

In January 2005 a DTI Global Watch Mission co-ordinated by Advantage West Midlands, with the support of the other RDAs, visited the US to learn about their woodfuel supply chain. The harvesting, processing, storage and transport of timber for woodfuel were all addressed in terms of practices and technologies.

This event will report on the lessons that can be learnt from the US woodfuel supply chain infrastructure. Our speaker panel will reveal the mission findings including current forestry and timber harvesting practice, the place of woodfuel in the timber market, and the drivers for woodfuel use, with particular reference to broadleaf species.

By learning from the US experience we can help optimise the entire supply chain to increase profit margins, and make wood fuel production an attractive proposition in the UK.

Delegates attending this event will be informed about:

- **efficient timber harvesting procedures and equipment as practised in the north east US**
- **how the woodfuel supply chain works in New England**
- **woodfuel harvesting, processing and handling equipment at various production scales**
- **the drivers for woodfuel use in New England and the approaches adopted**
- **potential partners and collaborators in the US**

Who should attend?

Registration is free and open to anyone in the UK with an interest in the use of bioenergy, including:

- foresters, estate owners and farmers
- local authorities and estate managers
- Regional Development Agencies
- equipment importers and manufacturers
- woodfuel merchants, distributors, and ESCOs
- power utility companies
- forestry schools and academia

All delegates will receive a copy of the Mission Report

To reserve your place, contact Louisa Quilter on 01664 501551.

Provisional Event Programme

09:30 **Registration and coffee**

10:00 **Introduction and welcome**

Geoff Hogan, ERIN Research Ltd

10:15 **About the DTI Global Watch Service**

Philip Sharman, DTI International Technology Promoter

10:30 **Silviculture – conditions and practice**

Sam Whatmore, South West Wood Fuels Ltd

10:50 **Wood harvesting – practices and equipment**

Andy Hall, Forest Research Technical Development

11:10 **Coffee**

11:30 **New England forestry**

Paul Frederick, Vermont Department of Forestry, Parks and Recreation

12:00 **Markets, prices and costs – how woodfuel fits into forestry economics**

Alan Corson, Forest Enterprise

12:20 **Chipping equipment, and other engineering observations**

Richard Slatem, Fuelwood (Warwick) Ltd

12:40 **Q&A**

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **Biomass in New England**

Rob Rizzo, Mount Wachusett Community College

14:30 **Woodfuel procurement: sourcing, transport, storage and handling**

Andy Grundy, Marches Wood Energy Network

14:50 **Training and forestry support organisations**

Neil Valentine, Scottish School of Forestry

15:10 **Regulations, standards, and support for biomass and renewables**

Gideon Richards, Consulting with a Purpose

15:30 **Q&A Session**

16:00 **Tea/coffee and networking opportunities**

16:30 **Close**

About DTI Global Watch Missions

DTI Global Watch Missions enable small groups of UK experts to visit leading overseas technology organisations to learn vital lessons about innovation and its implementation of benefit to entire industries and individual organisations.

By stimulating debate and informing industrial thinking and action, missions offer unique opportunities for fast-tracking technology transfer, sharing deployment know-how, explaining new industry infrastructures and policies, and developing relationships and collaborations. Around 30 DTI Global Watch Missions take place annually, with the co-ordinating organisation receiving guidance and financial support from the DTI Global Watch Missions team.

For further information visit: www.globalwatchonline.com/missions

About Advantage West Midlands



Advantage West Midlands (AWM) is the Regional Development Agency for the West Midlands. Its roles include the promotion of economic development and regeneration in its region, promotion of employment and contribution to sustainable development. AWM is highly active in the support and promotion of biomass energy within the aegis of its Environmental Technologies Cluster, including working with Marches Wood Energy Network, formed in 2001 to develop and support the growth of the wood energy industry throughout the West Midlands, and represented on this mission team.

For further information visit: www.advantagewm.co.uk

Booking form

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To register for this free event, please complete the form below and return it to:

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How did you learn about this event?

About DTI Global Watch Service

The DTI Global Watch Service provides support dedicated to helping UK businesses improve their competitiveness by identifying and accessing innovative technologies and practices from overseas:

- **Global Watch Information**

- **Global Watch Online** is a unique internet-enabled service delivering immediate and fast-breaking worldwide business and technology information.
- **Global Watch**, a free magazine delivered monthly to over 30,000 UK organisations, featuring the latest technology developments and practices around the world.
- **UKWatch**, published quarterly and available free of charge to UK and overseas subscribers, highlights UK innovation and promotes inward investment opportunities into the UK.

- **Global Watch Missions**

These technology-focused missions allow UK sectors and individual organisations to investigate innovation and its implementation at first hand, providing valuable insights into technology developments and practices.

- **Global Watch Secondments**

Helps SMEs send employees abroad or receive people from overseas. Secondments are an effective way of acquiring the knowledge, skills, technology, and connections essential to developing a business strategically.

- **Global Watch Technology Partnering**

Provides UK companies with free, flexible and direct assistance from commercially-aware technology specialists to raise awareness of, and provide access to, technology and collaborative opportunities around the world.

For further information on the DTI's Global Watch Service please visit www.globalwatchonline.com.