National Workshop Agreement:

Defining Key Siting Requirements for Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Ratings

Objective

In order to help catalyze and accelerate clean fuels project development in Canada, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) is supporting a workshop to identify key siting requirements for new plants that produce biofuels (including SAF), renewable chemicals, biogas, bio products and clean hydrogen. Workshop feedback will be incorporated into new national standards for Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zones.

Ecostrat and the Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative are hosting three virtual workshops in January 2023 and encourage the participation of biobased project developers, community members and economic developers, and capital markets.

The objective is to develop a Workshop Agreement to identify, validate, and clarify regional risk categories in geographic regions. The WA will be used to clearly identify key siting requirements for new biobased plants using feedback from project developers, communities, and capital markets.

The results of this workshop will be used to guide Standards development and the development of associated tools to de-risk and accelerate the deployment of biobased project development.

Feedback from the workshops will be incorporated into a Workshop Agreement and new national Standard related to BDO Zones.

The Workshop Agreement will be published in March 2023.

Goal

The Workshop will be a forum to obtain feedback from project developers, investors and economic development organizations and related stakeholders on the regional attributes that contribute to efficient, rapid and successful deployment of bio-based project development and financing.

Feedback from the workshops will be incorporate into a Workshop Agreement and new national Standard related to BDO Zones.

Benefits

Project Developers
- Accelerates the development of biobased projects
- Clarifies key siting requirements

Communities and Economic Developers
- Prepares communities for biobased development requirements and success

Capital Markets
- Accelerates the deployment of capital for biobased projects located in BDO Zone designations

Workshop dates

Biobased project developers: Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm EST (*English*)

Communities and economic development organizations: Wednesday January 18th, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm EST (*English*)

Capital markets: Thursday January 19th, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm EST (*English*)

French webinar: Friday, January 20th, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm EST

About

The Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative (www.bdozone.org) is a regional risk-rating and certification program that enables regions to leverage local biomass assets to attract new bio-based manufacturing plants – and create jobs.

A BDO Zone rating is a qualified assessment of biomass feedstock and infrastructure attributes of a region with respect to development potential of new biofuel, renewable chemical, biogas or bioproduct manufacturing plants.

BDO Zone ratings demonstrate the maturity of local biomass supply chains and infrastructure and whether they are developed enough to support bio-based manufacturing without excessive risk.

BDO Zones signal the optimal areas across North America for biobased project potential.

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