



## **Join Biomass Power Association. Help secure the future of biomass power in the United States.**

The Biomass Power Association (BPA) represents the national and state interests of the U.S. biomass power sector. BPA's members use sustainably-sourced organic materials, such as residues and byproducts from forest harvests and farming and biomass materials including wood waste, to generate utility scale electric and thermal energy.

Historically, BPA has been an organization of power companies. Increasingly, our ranks are expanding to include fuel suppliers, equipment manufacturers, truckers, developers – virtually any company that benefits from our industry and wants to see it preserved. Have a say in the issues that matter most to the biomass industry. Help us demonstrate the wide reach of biomass – and influence good public policy that will help maintain and grow the industry.

## **We need your help (and your financial support) in advocating for this industry.**

For decades, our industry has provided rural jobs and economic opportunity—for forest owners, loggers, vendors and power plant personnel. Despite these achievements, our industry is increasingly under attack

- By environmental groups who claim that our power is “dirtier than coal.”
- By the federal government, who has failed to definitively declare biomass “carbon neutral” leaving the possibility that EPA will regulate how biomass is sourced and how facilities are regulated.
- By state policies that favor solar and wind.

## **BPA has created a new Partner category for businesses that provide goods and services to the biomass industry.**

For a reasonable fee, Partners receive the following benefits:

- Access to dedicated and experienced staff in Portland, ME, and Washington, DC, working full-time to advocate for the biomass industry
- Participation in Washington, DC fly-in events that provide opportunities to meet with staff of key members of Congress, including the delegation from your state and district
- Opportunities to participate in ad hoc committees to timely address specific issues of national importance
- Networking opportunities with BPA members
- Participation in the BPA annual meeting
- Regular updates on biomass news developments in the media and on Capitol Hill
- Your company's name featured on Biomass Power Association's website, [www.usabiomass.org](http://www.usabiomass.org)

## **Some of our major issues – which could have a significant impact on your business – include:**

### **EPA & CARBON**

We are working to make sure that the Environmental Protection Agency keeps its pledge to count biomass from forest residues as a renewable energy source in the Clean Power Plan. This could have a profound impact on the stability and growth of the industry as the U.S. increasingly favors power from renewable sources.

### **TAXES**

Keeping costs low is essential for biomass – the only renewable power source that purchases its own fuel. We meet regularly with elected officials representing states and districts where biomass facilities are located to fight for lower taxes for biomass power producers. We also seek a “level playing field” when it comes to tax credits. For years, Congress has favored wind and solar, leaving our facilities at a financial disadvantage when negotiating power contracts.

### **STATE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS**

Biomass Power Association supports efforts to ensure that biomass is included as an eligible renewable power source in state renewable portfolio standards. In many cases, state governments have the final say in biomass power growth in a particular region. We help our members make the case to state elected officials that biomass – and all of the small and large businesses that work with the biomass industry – should be protected. We intend to vigorously defend existing state programs supportive of our industry and reform state RPS policies that unfairly discriminate against us.

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