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Dear Colleagues:

The Vermont Community Development Association (VCDA), is holding a day-long winter conference - **It's Not Easy Building Green: Greening YOUR Community Development Project.** The conference will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at the Old Dorm Lounge at Vermont Technical College (VTC) in Randolph Center. Please note the location of this event has been changed from what was earlier advertised.

Community developers are eager to learn about green technology, where it is going, how funding priorities for community projects are set, what the opportunities are and how to avoid potential pitfalls. Marc Rosenbaum of Energysmiths, an award-winning sustainable design consulting firm, will lead off the day talking about trends and challenges in setting priorities around green building and renewable energy.

This will be followed by a round table discussion among public, private, and non-profit practitioners and funders.

The afternoon session will be led by Tim Maker of the Biomass Energy Resource Center, a national non-profit located in Montpelier, who will give an overview of a kind of municipal infrastructure that is new to Vermont. A panel of municipal leaders from Vermont communities will present and discuss their experiences with exploring and developing these systems.

The VCDA Board and I look forward to seeing you on March 18th at VTC.

Sincerely,



Joan Goldstein, President

VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Winter Meeting

**It's Not Easy Building Green: Greening YOUR Community
Development Project**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008
Old Dorm Lounge
Vermont Technical College, Randolph**

AGENDA

- 8:30 AM Registration and refreshments**
- 9:00 AM COMMUNITY HOUSING AND GREEN DESIGNS – WHAT MATTERS?**
Marc Rosenbaum, P.E., Energysmiths – 30 years experience
creating environmental buildings and communities.
- 10:30 AM Networking Break**
- 11:00 AM - Round Table Discussion –**
... TRENDS AND CHALLENGES IN MAKING THINGS HAPPEN ...
- Moderator:** Jeff Staudinger, Executive Dir., Rockingham Area Community Land Trust
- Gus Seelig, Ex. Dir., VT Housing & Conservation Board
Lyn Milhiser, USDA Rural Development, Bus. & Cooperative Programs Specialist
Kevin Dorn, Secretary, Agency of Commerce & Community Development
Andy Broderick, President, Housing Vermont
Nancy Mears, Executive Director, VT Green Building Network
Jo Bradley, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority
- 12:30 PM Lunch - catered**
- 1:30 PM OVERVIEW OF WOOD-FIRED DISTRICT HEATING –**
Tim Maker, Sr. Program Director, Biomass Energy Resource Center
- PANEL: CENTRAL WOOD HEATING FOR COMMUNITIES**
- Gwendolyn Hallsmith, Director, Planning & Community Dev., City of Montpelier
Rep. Albert Perry, Richford
Ralph Meima, President, Brattleboro District Energy
John Irving, Manager, McNeil Generating Plant
- 3:00 PM Adjourn**

VCDA wishes to thank the following sponsors:
Vermont Economic Development Authority/Vermont State Infrastructure Bank
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Tuesday, March 18, 2008

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Old Dorm Lounge

Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT

Exit 4 – Interstate 89

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Registration Form

Registration Fee:

VCDA Members - \$20.00 (per person)

Non-members - \$30.00 (per person)

Name(s):

Position:

Municipality/Agency/Firm:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Circle VCDA membership status: Member Non-member

Method of Payment

Check (payable to VCDA)

Pay at the Door

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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