



GAINESVILLE BIOMASS PROJECT SIGNS FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL WOOD WASTE RECYCLER

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Clean, urban wood waste to supply nearly half the plant's fuel needs

The Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC) signed a long-term biomass supply contract last week with Wood Resource Recovery, a local wood waste recycler, to supply almost half of the biomass fuel needed for its proposed 100-megawatt biomass plant. All of the fuel supplied by Wood Resource Recovery will come from clean, urban wood waste, which includes biomass materials such as tree trimmings from right-of-way clearings as well as clean, woody debris from land clearing contractors and tree surgeons. Urban wood waste, which does not include construction and demolition debris or any other treated wood, is an advantageous biomass fuel for GREC as it is significantly drier than other biomass materials and will therefore increase the efficiency of the facility.

“In the absence of GREC, much of this material would be burned in the open with no emissions controls, end up in landfills or possibly be dumped surreptitiously in the woods, where it would decay, releasing greenhouse gases. We are excited to help provide a waste disposal solution for these materials while at the same time using them to generate renewable, baseload power for 70,000 homes in the Gainesville region,” said Josh Levine, Project Manager for the GREC project. American Renewables will build, own and operate the GREC facility and will sell all electricity and environmental attributes generated from the facility to Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), the municipally-owned utility that serves the Gainesville community, under a 30-year power purchase agreement.

Wood Resource Recovery (WRR) has been supplying clean, biomass fuel to plants throughout Florida and the Southeast since 1986. The urban wood waste will be processed at WRR's existing Gainesville wood yard and at other off-site locations and delivered to the GREC site, adjacent to GRU's Deerhaven power plant.

“This contract clearly demonstrates the readily available supply of fuel for the new plant,” stated Richard Schroeder, President and founder of Gainesville-based BioResource Management, whose company is assisting GREC in securing fuel contracts. “We look forward to completing our permitting activities and beginning

construction by the end of this year, allowing the community to benefit from nearly \$200 million in federal tax credits that are available if the facility can move forward without delay,” added Levine. It is anticipated that the GREC facility will be operational in late 2013.

In addition to the clean, urban wood waste supplied by WRR, the biomass plant will be fueled by biomass material sourced from the local area, such as logging residues and thinning material harvested in compliance with the facility’s strict guidelines for forest sustainability and protection. By producing energy from local sources, GREC will create local jobs, keep energy dollars in the area’s economy, and reduce reliance on imported coal.

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About American Renewables, LLC

American Renewables (www.amrenewables.com) is the premier U.S. developer of biomass power facilities. In addition to the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, American Renewables developed, and sold to Southern Power, the nearly identical Nacogdoches Power project in Sacul, TX. This facility began construction in November 2009 and is scheduled to begin operation in late 2012. American Renewables is also developing the Hamilton County Renewable Energy Center in Hamilton County, FL, as well as other biomass projects in the Southeast.

About Wood Resource Recovery

Bill Gaston, founder of Gaston’s Tree Service, started Wood Resource Recovery, LLC in 1983. WRR (www.woodresourcerecovery.com) is one of the pioneers of wood and yard waste recycling in Florida and has operated a wood recycling yard in Gainesville before recycling was required by the state. Many of the methods developed at WRR were later used in statewide legislation for composting, mulching, and site management. As one of the largest wood waste recyclers in Florida, WRR and its management team have also participated in designing projects in New York, Virginia, Missouri, Texas, and Georgia. Today, WRR performs mobile grinding for many municipalities, universities, and private companies in Florida and throughout the United States.