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KANE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello,

The Kane Area School District, in partnership with the Allegheny National Forest (ANF), is pursuing a project that could change this region's utilization of renewable wood resources to provide energy for heating and cooling systems for both private and public sector developments. A grant pre-proposal was submitted to the Woody Biomass Utilization Grant Program (administered by USDA, Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, WI) in December, 2005. We are now being asked to submit a full proposal by March 1, 2006, and are looking for additional local interest and support for the development of this kind of facility.

The Kane Area School District Woody Biomass Utilization Project will allow for the installation and development of a woody biomass heating system at the Kane High School. This project has several objectives:

- To develop a heating system that results in a 50% cost savings for heat production,
- To encourage the development of similar heating systems in regional public and private developments by serving as a working prototype facility, and
- To increase the utilization of small roundwood materials from the ANF and other forest land owners by increasing demand throughout the region.

Your letter of support would be helpful in establishing local and regional interest for this project. If successful, this grant could provide up to \$250,000 to help with the installation of the new heating system and would be the first step in introducing new technology to our region that could have applicability to manufacturing companies, hospitals, educational institutions and larger organizations.

We would like to ask for your support of our project by sending a letter of interest and support by February 20. Please reply to: Sandra W. Chlopecki, Superintendent,
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Thank you for joining us in bringing this new alternative heating solution/pilot to our area.

Sincerely,

Sandra W. Chlopecki
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