

Higher Education Embraces Biomass



The Biomass Power Association commends Colby College in Waterville, ME, for its plans to build an \$11 million on-campus biomass facility. The facility will feature employment and learning opportunities for the student population as it significantly reduces the college's carbon emissions and advances the school toward its goal of carbon neutrality by 2015.

Expected to be fully operational in January 2012, the facility will be 15,800 square feet in size with an 8,100 square-foot footprint. It will be the first-ever plant of this scale to be built on a college campus in Maine and is expected to save the college about \$1 million annually.

The twin 300 kW capacity biomass-fueled boilers will replace most of the college's oil consumption by burning wood for heat, hot water, cooking and electrical needs.