



Biomass Innovation Centre

Fueling growth through clean technology

Support for **Northern Ontario** Bioeconomy Initiatives

Are you looking to join Ontario's
growing **bioeconomy**?
If so, this program is designed for you!



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Overview:

What: The purpose of this program is to create the foundation for biomass-related project development in northern Ontario. This project will provide five small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with consulting and research services that will help position them for expansion and/or realignment in their sector.

Who: The Biomass Innovation Centre at Nipissing University will provide technical and business support to SMEs in northern Ontario by offering research and consulting services at very attractive rates.

Why: Many SMEs in northern Ontario don't have the staffing or financial resources to be able to conduct a pre-feasibility/baseline study to determine if a project is worth investigating further. Often, SMEs have great ideas for expansion or diversification, but their ideas get shelved because they don't have the time or money to investigate further. Other SMEs skip the pre-feasibility/baseline study in order to save time and money, only to find out that their proposed business venture doesn't make economic sense. In the end, they have wasted resources on a project that wasn't feasible to begin with. This project will provide the staffing and financial resources to help SMEs determine if it is worthwhile to proceed to the feasibility stage, or what prospects appear worth studying further. This project will lay the foundation for SMEs to develop strategic business plans and undertake feasibility studies.

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the program, you must:

- Be an incorporated company.
- Be a small and medium-sized enterprise (SME).
- Be located in northern Ontario, or partnered with an organization/municipality in northern Ontario.
- Have an interest in expanding or entering into the bioeconomy.
- Have a project idea to go along with the interest.
- Be willing and able to participate in the entire program.
- Pay the \$500 program fee*.

*Program fee: This program has received funding from NRC-IRAP. To demonstrate commitment to the project, each SME selected will be required to pay the \$500 program fee at the start of the project.

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Details:

As part of this project, each SME selected for the program will receive:

- Up to 1 day of consulting to define their research/information needs.
- Up to 100 hours of consulting/research services.
- Detailed project report outlining the results of the consulting/research services.
- Up to 1 day of consulting to present the report and talk about next steps.
- 10 hours of continued project support for up to 6 months.

Timeline:

The timeline for this project has been structured as follows:

Activity:	Completion Date:
Application submissions	Friday, September 20, 2013
Notification of successful applicants	Friday, October 4, 2013
Consultation with successful applicants	Friday, October 11, 2013
Research and report writing	Friday, November 1, 2013
Presentation of report and consultation	Friday, January 31, 2014
Follow-up and evaluation	Friday, February 7, 2014

How to Apply:

Download the application form at:

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- Applications must be received by **September 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**
- All applicants will receive confirmation of submission via email.
- All information contained within the applications will be kept confidential.
- Applications will be graded against a pre-determined evaluation matrix. Those applicants that present a reasonable project proposal for investigation, and demonstrate the greatest level of interest and need for participating in this program will be selected.
- All applicants will be notified of the final results via email.

Submit applications to:

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