



Mississippi Biomass & Renewable Energy Council

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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing today to introduce the **Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council (MBREC)**, the state's oldest member-driven organization dedicated to furthering the areas of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Since its incorporation in 2001, MBREC has fostered networking, education and outreach for sustainable industries, and continues to provide a voice for this emerging business sector in Mississippi. Mississippi has exhibited multiple strategic advantages with respect to renewable energy and sustainability as follows:

- Named one of the **"Top 5 Places"** in the U.S. for biomass by *Forbes* magazine
- Ranked **10th in the U.S. for solar potential** by Topline Strategy Group
- Strong history of public sector support for renewable energy-related businesses
- Nationally recognized renewable energy and sustainability research institutions
- **\$3 billion potential investment in the next five to seven years**

As this industry continues to grow here at home and around the world, many challenges still need to be overcome and barrier to entry remains high in many cases. I am asking you to join MBREC and help provide leadership and expertise in the field of sustainable industry. MBREC's current membership represents a diverse group of individuals, organizations and companies that span the full value chain of renewable energy technologies. Members range from solar panel manufacturing to solar installers as well as biomass feedstock providers to those who produce biofuels at a commercial scale. Membership benefits include:

- Networking with representatives from industry, academia, public and private sectors and other stakeholders interested in utilizing Mississippi's natural renewable resources
- Advocating for renewable energy and energy efficiency-based economic development
- Monitoring state energy policy, staying current with renewable energy and sustainability news
- Participating in regular events and the annual conferences that brings in nationally acclaimed speakers

In order to best serve its members and constituents, MBREC is now managed by the Strategic Biomass Solutions staff at the Mississippi Technology Alliance. MBREC needs your active participation to usher in greater economic development through jobs and investment in Mississippi's clean energy future! Please visit www.ms-biomass.org or contact Joseph Linton, MBREC Project Manager, directly at 601-960-3623 or jlinton@mta.ms if you have any questions.

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