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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your willingness to invest your time with us in the upcoming *Hemp Industrial Materials Supply Chain Workshop*. Following are more details about the workshop and other related meetings and activities for those of you who will be attending in person. For those of you who are attending virtually, arrangements have been made for you to participate in the facilitated activities as well. Our workshop is co-hosted by Oregon State University's Global Hemp Innovation Center, the New Zealand Hemp Industries Association, and the New Zealand Product Accelerator. This will be a productive effort that helps chart a path forward for industrial hemp and its success greatly depends on your engagement and insights.

Who will be attending? We are planning for more than 70 in-person and 30 virtual participants from Continental North America, New Zealand, and elsewhere. Attendees are from industry, other private organizations, government offices, and academia. With industrial hemp being a relatively new commodity and emergent industry, there is much that can be gained by leaders from North America and New Zealand meeting together and learning from one another. Native American and Māori partners interested in biobased manufacturing have also been invited to participate. The workshop will provide an excellent opportunity for business networking and cultural exchange, not only across the Pacific Ocean but with Indigenous business developers as well.

The Workshop: Attached is the schedule outline for the workshop that runs from Wednesday morning, August 14th through lunchtime, Friday the 16th. The two-and-a-half-day workshop is centered on four established biobased manufactured product sectors and will address the overall Challenge Statement:

What would it take for the established building materials, paper/packaging, activated carbon, and plastics/biocomposites sectors to use industrial hemp in the manufacture of biobased products?

Professionally facilitated workshop discussions will be focused on invited key industry participants from the four product sectors. Other workshop participants will observe the key participants' responses and provide prompted input to questions based on their perspectives and interests via real-time interactive technologies. As the input is collected, processed, and discussed in the workshop, we will then use this information to validate the current state of the biobased manufacturing industry and create a prioritized roadmap to help buildout and scaleup biobased manufacturing capacities for finished goods made with hemp that complements already established wood and other natural fiber industries. A roadmap report will be produced after the workshop.

You can access the workshop website at: <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/hempmaterialsworkshop/> This link is for your use only as a registered attendee. Please do not share. Only registered attendees will be interacting in the facilitated workshop activities. We are at maximum capacity for facilitation. A different link will soon be advertised and provided for others who are interested in following the workshop via a Zoom Livestream.

Additional Events. There are additional associated events scheduled with the workshop. *Please note which events are Open to All and which have specified attendees.*

August 12

- **OSU-NZ student exchange program.** Meeting on establishing OSU-NZ student program for biopolymers at the University of Auckland to complement the 50th Anniversary of the student exchange program between OSU and Lincoln University. Jeff Steiner contact. OSU campus, Strand Hall 440. Monday, August 12, 3:30-4:30 PM. **Exchange program planning team only.**
- **New Zealand delegate dinner.** GHIC hosted dinner for NZ visitors followed by a walking tour of OSU campus back to Hilton Garden Inn. Richard Barge contact. McMenamens Pub, 2001 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis. Monday, August 12, 5:00-7:00 PM. **New Zealand attendees only.**

August 13

- **Industry Exposition set up.** Set up for the Industry Exposition. OSU Alumni Center. John Simonsen contact. Tuesday, August 13, 3:00-5:00 PM. **Exposition exhibitors.**
- **USDA NIFA Intertribal Business Consortium Meeting.** This is the first face-to-face planning meeting of Intertribal Business Consortium (IBC) members in the USDA NIFA Sustainable Agricultural Systems project. Doug Boon contact. OSU Alumni Center. Tuesday, August 13, 3:00-5:00 PM. **IBC representatives only.**
- **Business and Cultural Exchange Networking.** A time is available for Business and Cultural Exchange Networking for New Zealand businesses and any other U.S. and NZ attendees. This informal event will be held at Common Fields in Downtown Corvallis which is less than a 20-minute walk from the Hilton Garden Inn (<https://www.commonfieldscorvallis.com/>). Richard Barge contact. Tuesday, August 13, 4:00-5.30 PM. **Open to All.**
- **Gathering and banquet for Native American and Māori delegates.** We are providing an opportunity for a gathering of Native American and NZ Māori attendees to have formal introductions and share a meal. Jeff Steiner contact. OSU Alumni Center. Tuesday evening, August 13th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. **Native American and NZ Māori attendees only.**

August 14-16

- **Industry Exposition.** The Industry Exposition of hemp biobased products and businesses runs concurrently with the workshop in the OSU Alumni Center. John Simonsen contact John.Simonsen@oregonstate.edu Wednesday, August 14 through Thursday, August 15. **Open to All.**
- **Hemp Industrial Materials Supply Chain Workshop.** Wednesday morning, August 14th through lunchtime Friday the 16th. OSU Alumni Center. **Open to All.**

Thank you again for your participation in the *Hemp Industrial Materials Supply Chain Workshop*. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Steiner
Director