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Heating the Northeast Conference to Focus on Building Regional Economy and Saving Consumers Money

(MANCHESTER, NH) – The third annual Heating the Northeast with Renewable Biomass conference and vendor fair opens this Thursday, April 14, at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The conference was created to stimulate local economies and improve environmental conditions in the six New England states and New York by making it easy for consumers to heat with sustainably harvested, domestically produced [wood pellets](#) and other biomass resources.

According to Jon Strimling, president of conference sponsor American Biomass and WoodPellets.com, “there’s more to the biomass thermal story than simply saving consumers money on their annual heating bills – which heating with wood pellets will certainly do. At Heating the Northeast, we’re looking at the bigger picture, which includes tying together local communities, easing our consumption of fossil fuels, and reducing the negative impact of heating residuals on our planet, all while saving consumers money.”

At the Heating the Northeast conference last year, a coalition of industry experts unveiled *A Bold Vision for 2025*, a series of concrete resolutions and goals to pave the way toward a greener future for the Northeast. Developed by local business owners, environmental groups, and heating industry experts, the *Vision* aims to create 140,200 jobs in the region by 2025, while reducing oil consumption by 1.14 billion gallons in the regional economy.

The numbers themselves are compelling – from the broader vision down to the impact on an individual homeowner, who will save nearly \$900 annually by replacing the majority of his oil consumption with high-efficiency wood pellet heat. But Strimling says the industry needs to make its voice heard in Washington. “We know that thermal biomass is good for the planet and good for consumers; the facts speak for themselves. At Heating the Northeast, we’ll be working to make sure consumers have the same opportunities and access to wood-burning and [pellet stoves](#) as to other alternative heating systems.”

Strimling says that this year’s conference will focus on putting these broader goals into action. “We want to make it as easy as possible for consumers to use biomass thermal as their primary source of heat – to save money and to go green at the same time.”

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