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Northern Border Regional Commission Announces 2021 Regional Forest Economy Partnership Information Sessions

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has scheduled 6 information sessions in support of the 2021 Regional Forest Economy Partnership (RFEP) grant application opportunity, and we invite any parties interested in applying to this year's program to attend one of the sessions. Each session will consist of an overview of the RFEP program, and there will be plenty of time for questions.

Eligible organizations, which include nonprofit and governmental entities (state, local & Indian tribes), are currently able to access grant application details via NBRC's website, <u>nbrc.gov</u>, and attendees are encouraged to review program materials prior to attending. NBRC State Program Managers, and RFEP Advisory Board members will be in attendance as schedules allow.

All information sessions will be held via Zoom and registration is required. Information for each is below:

When: Aug 16, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcOGrrjkiH9frU5Gb9-gdE-nzzFgIKHe9

When: Aug 17, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrc--qrT0tGdcagnmSgMC8aU6CgW8Y-W9Z

When: Aug 17, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltd-6urjotG9yjADiOXY Q3 p0e4CS5Fgw

When: Aug 18, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuf-iqqzwpGdF5yEXWD842OYavON1U1Bsi

When: Aug 18, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcOyuqTMsHdEg4LwFr-k9RkXjOQI4Szec

When: Aug 19, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtfuqqrTksH9N0MZVDLJoPx6MiD78rhHlp Potential applicants must express interest through Letters of Interest, which must be submitted by September 10th at 5PM. Letters of Interest will be evaluated by a 9-member Advisory Board, consisting of representatives from each of the four NBRC states. The Advisory Board will determine which applicants will be invited to submit a full application, which will be due November 12th, with anticipation of awards in January, 2022.

For those considering applications in 2021, regardless of your ability to attend an information session, please contact NBRC Program Director Andrea Smith, and the NBRC Program Managers in the State(s) where the proposed project will take place. Both will be happy to assist you as you develop your projects and applications:

Maine: Charlotte Mace 207.624.7448 charlotte.mace@maine.gov

New York: Kyle Wilber 518.473.3694 kyle.wilber@dos.ny.gov New Hampshire: Beno Lamontagne (603) 419-9713 benoit.l.lamontagne@livefree.nh.gov

Vermont: Kristie Farnham 802.398.5268 <u>kristie.farnham@vermont.gov</u>

About the Northern Border Regional Commission (<u>www.nbrc.gov</u>)

Created in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job creation in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. In its thirteen-year history, including these new awards, the commission has awarded 331 grants, amounting to more than \$90.6 million in direct investment and \$296 million in additional leveraged investments, across the four states through its primary State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program and other special initiatives.