

Rural Energy for America Program & Value-Added Producer Grant Program

Free Informational Workshops

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 25th, 2009

9:30 - 11:30 am / Lewiston City Hall - 1st Floor Council Chambers / 27 Pine St., Lewiston
2:00 - 4:00 pm / Bath City Hall Auditorium / 55 Front St., Bath

TUESDAY - MARCH 31st, 2009

9:00 - 11:00 am / Thomas College Atrium / 180 West River Rd., Waterville
1:00 - 3:00 pm / Skidompha Public Library / 184 Main St., Damariscotta

Are you a small business owner and/or farmer that:

- Wants to reduce energy costs?
- Generate your own “green” power?
- Is looking for new ways to increase the viability of your farm or business?

Then you won't want to miss out on this valuable information workshop!

Guest speakers John Sheehan and Mike Grondin of the USDA Rural Development Agency's Bangor Office will provide an introduction and overview of both the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and the Value-Added Producer Grant Program (VAPG).

- REAP offers grants, guaranteed loans, and combination grant/guaranteed loans to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.
- VAPG provides grant funds (50% matching funds) to agricultural producers for planning activities and working capital expenses for developing a value-added agricultural product project.

Limited seating...please RSVP 3 business days prior to the event

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