

TTC NEWS

American Biogas Council Chooses TTC: TTC will grow membership and manage finances

The American biogas industry is growing and TTC is helping to pave the way. While interest in developing clean energy technologies is sweeping the nation, following the Gulf tragedies and with continued global pressure on energy and environmental problems, biogas provides an opportunity to make renewable natural gas from a wide array of organic waste streams while also preventing ozone-harming methane from entering the atmosphere--a win-win for anyone involved.

Biogas is commonly linked to chicken, cow and hog manure since these wastes provide an ideal feedstock for producing renewable methane using anaerobic digester technology. And, biogas can also be produced from a variety of common urban waste streams, like municipal wastewater and leaves and yard waste, and an endless variety of other biomass and even industrial wastes. The biogas is either burned to make electricity and heat or cleaned and added to natural gas pipelines.

Earlier this year, the American Biogas Council hired Technology Transition Corporation to officially establish the new non-profit organization by filing articles of incorporation, creating bylaws and the other elements needed for establishing the new organization. Already anxious to grow so it can start new programs, this month, ABC asked TTC to grow its membership and provide the administrative support needed to manage financial transactions and records.

So far the organization is showing strong growth with 36 members in June--up over 60% from the 22 who founded the Council just a couple months ago. In addition, over 600 people have joined the mailing list to find out more about this growing industry. TTC aims to double those numbers by the end of the year.

The mission of the American Biogas Council is to promote the generation and use of renewable natural gas, or biogas, using anaerobic digestion technologies. Top priorities for the Council include:

- Increase federal project funding for anaerobic digester equipment
- Establish tax credits for the production, sale or use of biogas
- Qualify biogas for renewable energy credits
- Broaden the definition of renewable energy standards to include energy generated from biogas.

If you would like to help shape the future of biogas in the U.S., join the ABC or just find out more and join the mailing list, please visit: <http://www.americanbiogascouncil.org/>

Nominations for ABC's Board of Directors will be open July 1-31. All members who join and pay dues by July 31 are eligible to run for one of the seven available seats.