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MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN LAKES REGION CEDS

The Lakes Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) has entered Phase II of its process. With an approved plan in place, the committee is focused on updating goals and objectives and is considering becoming an Economic District. Do you want to make a difference in your community? Do you have a project in mind? Now is the time to join other local residents and business leaders to shape the future of the greater Lakes Region. Join the CEDS Committee on Wednesday, October 28, at 4:00 p.m. at Lakes Venture Resource Center (SNHU – Laconia Center), 2 Airport Road, Gilford, NH. Visit <http://www.lakesrpc.org/CEDS>.

TAKING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S PULSE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

What's next for Granite State businesses in the wake of national health care legislation? If Congress approves the bill, what does that mean for the state's businesses, hospitals and insurers, and, conversely, if they vote against it, what does that mean? Business NH Magazine will sponsor a New Hampshire Health Care Summit on Friday morning, November 13, at the Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH. Register online at <http://www.eventsNH.com> or call 603-626-6354 for more information. Read more at http://www.bcedc.org/new_events_events.asp.

BARNSTEAD HOPES TO GO BIOMASS

The Barnstead Development Group, the Town of Barnstead, and the BCEDC welcomed Morris Pierce of Rochester University on a town inspection to consider a district heating system, to be fueled by excess heat generated by a reactivated cogeneration plant and funneled into a steam loop. Barnstead Center and Barnstead Parade schools, businesses, homes, and municipal buildings would be heated and cooled by the steam loop. Fueled by waste wood chips, a five-megawatt Wellons boiler and GE/Westinghouse turbine generator are located at Lakes Region Pellet which renovated the former Timco sawmill property last year. The Town of Barnstead received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to assist the start-up pellet manufacturer, which already has created more than 20 jobs and revitalized the region's logging industry.

TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE

The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) recently awarded Kidworks Learning Center, Inc. of Meredith \$303,125 in tax credit funds to install energy efficient lighting, replace electric hot water heaters with gas, install heating zones, re-grade the site to address drainage problems, purchase new play equipment, and retire existing debt in order to continue to provide quality and affordable child care. The CDFA awarded \$250,000 to the NH Alliance of Regional Development Corporations; BCEDC is one of the ten members of that organization that provide business lending to expand or retain employment opportunities for low- and middle-income workers. For more information on how to support these nonprofits by purchasing the tax credits, please visit www.nhcdfa.org or call 266-2170.

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