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**Seneca Sustainable Energy
Background Information
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"I want you to know that I am committed to making Oregon a national leader in forest biomass energy development. ... Our forests make biomass a natural fit for Oregon. We will be able to reduce the risk of forest fires by removing dry debris – and then use that debris to generate energy, all the while creating jobs, attracting new businesses, and shifting our economy into a higher gear." *Gov. Ted Kulongoski, 4th Annual Leadership Summit, Jan. 2006*

"Wood waste is one of the most abundant, cost-competitive, and environmentally friendly biomass resources. Currently the most cost-effective wood sources are residues from manufacturing and wood waste otherwise destined for landfills." *Federal Energy Management Program of U.S. Department of Energy*

"Oregon needs more high-efficiency biomass burners. They help with America's energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, create jobs and make industry more efficient. Just as important, we need biomass burning facilities to restore health to Oregon's forests. Millions of forest acres are overgrown with brush and small trees, putting them at risk of insect outbreaks and unnaturally severe fire. The woody debris that results from restoring healthy conditions to our forests is a tremendous source of renewable energy. This is a winning solution for people and nature alike". *Russell Hoeflich, Oregon Director, The Nature Conservancy*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Seneca Sustainable Energy, a renewable heat and power facility, will generate up to 18.8 megawatts of electricity and provide heat for Seneca Sawmill's dry kilns. Operable by the end of 2010, it will be built on six acres on Seneca's Highway 99 site, north of Eugene. This location provides maximum efficiency for the dry kilns, and an ideal location to connect to the local power grid. One-hundred percent of the electricity generated by the plant will be sold on the grid and will meet the annual energy needs of more than 13,000 homes.

How much will the facility cost? \$45 million

How many new jobs will be created? 11 new, permanent family-wage jobs will be created to operate the new facility. Additionally, 90 craftspeople will build it.

Who is building it? Wellons Inc. – a Sherwood, Ore. company with over 30 years experience – will design and build the woody biomass-fired boiler system and electrical power plant.