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Expression of Interest

We hereby express our interest to have a role in the development of the forest biomass-based energy systems in Quebec and the development of the Centre provincial d'expertise en Energie Biomasse Desjardins. We have excellent synergies, for example, RDI-projects and the development of education and training materials for both practitioners and university level students and teachers. We have had similar successful cooperation, for example, in UK and Republic of Ireland. We wish to find partners from RDI organizations of Quebec, because based on our experiences this is needed to ensure good communication in French and adaptation in local operational environments.

Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) is a state owned RDI organisation with over 1200 employees of which about 600 are working with forest bioeconomy related topics. Luke has over 100 years of history in developing forest silviculture, forest management and value chains. We have a significant role in the success of forest industries of Finland. Luke has also conducted research concerning wood biomass for energy since 1920's. Of course, the use of wood for energy has also changed over time, but nowadays wood as an energy source covers over 20% of the primary energy demand of Finland and Luke has been one of the leading organizations especially in the development of the forest biomass supply chains. We have been actively participating in renewable energy projects throughout the European Union and, for example, in Laos. We have also successfully transferred technology and know-how from EU to Canada.

We are looking forward to further discussions and encourage to ask for clarifications if needed.

Sincerely,



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