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Sustainable Biomaterials: Criteria, Benefits, Challenges & Market-Based Tools

Speaker: Brenda Platt

Co-Chair, Sustainable Biomaterials Collaborative, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Washington, DC

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Time: 6 pm, followed by reception at 7 pm

Location: OVC Lifetime Learning Centre, Rm1714

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The development of bioplastics and other biobased materials holds great promise to mitigate many of the problems associated with plastic derived from nonrenewable sources. However, they are not an automatic panacea. As the interest in biomaterials grows, so follows concern regarding sourcing and end-of-life issues surrounding these materials such as food competition and GMOs and compostability vs recyclability. We will hear from the Sustainable Biomaterials Collaborative, and its efforts to promote innovative programs that allows buyers of biobased products to support sustainable agricultural practices.

Hosted by Prof. Amar Mohanty, Director of Bioproducts Discovery and Development Centre (BDDC)

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