

***Economic and Environmental Opportunities Through Biomass
Development: The Report of the
CONEG Governors' Biomass Policy Roundtable***

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The Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) has a longstanding interest in development of sustainable energy resources which can contribute to the region's energy security, environmental quality and economic well-being. Acting on this interest, Governor Howard Dean of Vermont convened the CONEG Governors' Biomass Roundtable in May of 1994. The Roundtable was given three major objectives: identify the substantive issues surrounding the development of biomass energy in the Northeast; explore feasible options to address these issues; and finally, to arrive at findings for the CONEG Governors' consideration.

This final report presents the Roundtable's consensus findings on the potential for biomass energy in the Northeast, associated opportunities and concerns, suggested broad goals and specific action steps the Governors can take to encourage biomass development.