

## **Seminar on Bioenergy with BTEC Director Albrecht von Sydow - March 24, 2010**

**Düsseldorf / Berlin / Washington DC, March 2010.** Renewable energy generation has become a main priority in the US since the Obama Administration took office in 2009. Many states have been setting up their own programs to move forward with alternative energy projects to reduce their dependency on fossil and imported fuels.

Maine is currently the state with the highest dependence on heating oil. Switching private homes and businesses to modern, efficient and clean wood pellet heating systems could reduce the negative impact of price fluctuations and increases. "Maine has the largest wooded area in the US, and could produce enough material for pellets for its entire population on a permanent basis. This state has the potential to become energy-independent as well as CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral," said Maine energy expert William Strauss. Other US states like Pennsylvania and Virginia are also committed to a turnaround in energy, assisted by US federal programs.

### **"Bio-Energy in the US" – A platform for constructive dialog between American and German industry representatives**

At the seminar "Bio-Energy in the US" on March 24, 2010 in Berlin, Germany, the GADORE Center USA ([www.gadorecenter.de](http://www.gadorecenter.de)) will offer German companies the opportunity to talk directly to representatives from the US about market opportunities for green technologies there. "We've found that many business models are only realized through the dialog between German and American companies," said event organizer Annette Nüsslein of the GADORE Center. The event will be centered on presentations by American associations and corporations, and short presentations by German companies. Among the speakers will be Albrecht von Sydow, Director of the Biomass Thermal Energy Council (BTEC), and William Strauss, Director of Maine Energy Systems and Professor at White Mountains Community College. Representatives from Virginia and Pennsylvania will also partake.

### **About the GADORE Center USA:**

The GADORE Center USA in Philadelphia PA offers hands-on assistance for entering the US market to small and medium-sized companies in the wind power, solar power, biogas and waste industries, and in energy-efficient construction. The German office in Düsseldorf in North Rhine-Westphalia is the first point of contact for interested companies. The GADORE Center USA is under the patronage of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ([www.gadorecenter.de](http://www.gadorecenter.de)).

**The complete agenda for the event is appended. Attendance is free of charge for accredited journalists. For more information, contact our press office.**

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