NERC workshop to explore market turmoil
Recycling association will host workshop on end markets in Baltimore area April 3, 2018.

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The Brattleboro, Vermont-based Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) has announced that its Spring 2018 Workshop will focus on “the key market issues for paper, plastics, glass and compost.” The one-day event will take at the Sheraton Baltimore Washington Airport Hotel on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

NERC is promoting the workshop under the title, “Markets or Bust—A Regional Workshop About Recycling Markets.” The group says attendees and exhibitors from the United States and Canada will gather “to participate in presentations and discussions that look at current issues affecting recycling markets.”

The workshop will open with introductory remarks from Secretary Ben Grumbles of the Maryland Department of the Environment. He will be followed by Myles Cohen as the keynote speaker. Cohen is the president of the Paper Stock Industries (PSI) Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) and is an executive with Conyers, Georgia-based Pratt Recycling.

Pratt, a subsidiary of an Australia-based paper and board producer, bills itself as America’s fifth largest corrugated cardboard packaging company and the largest privately-held 100 recycled-content paper and packaging company.

Other speakers or panelists at the workshop include:
- Angus Crane of the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association;
- Ed Purtillo of packaging producer Ardagh Group;
- Curt Bucey of glass recycler Strategic Materials;
- Jonathan Sloan of Canusa Hersham Recycling;
- Charles Duprey of composting firm Naturcycle;
- Jerry Powell of Plastics Recycling Update; and
- Betsy Dorn of consulting firm RSE USA.

NERC indicates that “breakout sessions that will encourage attendees to actively participate in defining and illustrating market issues and recycling market development strategies” also will be part of the workshop.

More information on the event, including how to register, can be found on this web page.