NERC issues call for papers for fall conference

Nov. 13-14, 2017, event in Amherst, Massachusetts, also will celebrate the Northeast Recycling Council’s 30th anniversary.

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The Brattleboro, Vermont-based Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) has issued a call for papers for its Fall Conference and 30th anniversary celebration that is set for Nov. 13-14 in Amherst, Massachusetts.

NERC is seeking individual presentations and session descriptions from potential presenters. Presenters who are interested in presenting at NERC’s Fall Conference—which will include a diverse audience of government, industry, nonprofit, and consultants working in sustainable materials management—are encouraged to submit individual presentation and session descriptions.

“The conference theme will be learning from our past while moving into the future of sustainable materials management,” says NERC.

The topics to be presented at the conference will include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure changes for reuse, recycling and organics management in the Northeast and the U.S. over the past 30 years. What have we learned?
- The state of recycling markets—paper, plastics, metals, glass, organics, textiles, tires, construction and demolition, carpet, etc. Where are we now?
- Sustainable materials management:
  - What have we accomplished—studies documenting the economic impact of sustainable materials management in the U.S., including jobs created and revenues generated;
  - What difference has it made—impacts of sustainable materials management on diversion rates, recycling rates and climate change;
- Young professionals’ contribution to sustainable materials management;
- Extended producer responsibility’s role in SMM’s future;
- Potential impact of federal budget on Northeast states’ recycling programs; and
- Other session ideas also will be considered.

Presentation and session descriptions should be submitted in 100 words or less with at least one proposed speaker offered. The speaker qualifications for making a presentation should not exceed 50 words. The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2017, and should be sent to Mary Ann Remolador, NERC’s assistant director and events organizer, who can be reached by email at maryann@nerc.org or by phone at 802-254-3636.

NERC’s Fall Conference and 30th anniversary celebration will take place on Nov. 13-14 at the Lord Jeffrey Inn in Amherst, Massachusetts.