

Kessler, Montana Renewables, win Industry Awards at International Biomass Conference

Jason Kessler, President at KESCO, Inc. wins the Excellence in Bioenergy Award; Montana Renewables wins Groundbreaker of the Year

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, USA, March 5, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Biomass industry awards were announced during the general session at the [17th Annual International Biomass Conference & Expo](#), produced by [Biomass Magazine](#). These awards are

designed to recognize the individuals and companies who have achieved significant accomplishments within the bioenergy sector. In addition, these designations are aimed at encouraging and inspiring the next generation of industry leaders.

Montana Renewables has been recognized as the Groundbreaker of the Year. The Groundbreaker of the Year Award recognizes an organization or company that has made meaningful headway on a sustainable commercial-scale biomass-to-energy project or has accomplished a bioenergy project or endeavor worthy of being deemed as “groundbreaking.”

Based out of Great Falls, Montana, Montana Renewables is a subsidiary of Calumet Specialty Products Partners L.P., which, beginning in 2021, embarked on a mission to reconfigure its oversized hydrocracker to process renewable feedstocks for production of renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). Montana Renewables is now a leading North American SAF producer with a daily SAF capacity of 2,000 to 4,000 barrels per day, with plans for further expansion.

“As the world races to decarbonize and drastically reduce its use of fossil fuels, Montana Renewables is an exciting example of what’s possible,” says Anna Simet, editor of Biomass Magazine. “Their story has been one that we’ve been honored to tell.”

Jason Kessler, president at KESCO, Inc., was presented with the Excellence in Bioenergy Award. The Excellence in Bioenergy Award recognizes individuals whose drive and efforts have had

The logo for the 17th Annual International Biomass Conference & Expo. It features the word "INTERNATIONAL" in a small, black, sans-serif font at the top left. To its right is "17th Annual" in a similar font. Below these is the word "BIOMASS" in a very large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath "BIOMASS" is "CONFERENCE & EXPO" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the dates "Mar. 4-6, 2024" and the location "RICHMOND, VA" are displayed in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

significant impacts on the industry, from clearing financial or technological hurdles to outstanding policy, advocacy or educational initiatives, to overall exceptional efforts to better the industry.

Kessler has been involved in wood pelleting system design and supply since 1993. He founded KESCO, Inc. in 2001. With a tagline of "Help Other People," KESCO specializes in pellet plant design engineering, equipment supply, project management, and construction services. KESCO has provided individual system components to turn-key packages at more than 25 wood pelleting plants throughout North America.

"Jason exudes passion for the industry," says Simet. "He has an incredible wealth of industry knowledge that can only be learned from firsthand experience. Everyone who knows him knows that he has a true desire to help others. His passion for the biomass industry is second to none, and he's made an impact worth celebrating."

"The biomass industry awards play a pivotal role in not only acknowledging, but also inspiring the remarkable work being done in our field," adds John Nelson, VP of operations, sales and marketing, BBI International. "This year, we're thrilled to honor Montana Renewables and Jason Kessler, president at KESCO, for their exceptional achievements in bioenergy. Their dedication and innovation in successfully advancing commercial-scale projects has set a benchmark for the industry. It's companies like Montana Renewables and KESCO, Inc. that pave the way for a sustainable future and inspire the next wave of industry leaders."

The International Biomass Conference & Expo will continue through March 6, 2024, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia.

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