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QUEST RECYCLING RECEIVED ROUNDS OF APPLAUSE AT THE TENTH ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM ORGANICS RECYCLING CONFERENCE IN DES MOINES, IOWA

Plotting a Path To Turn Food Waste Into Energy

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Brian Dick, CEO of Quest Recycling Services LLC and Matt Hedrick, EVP of Quest Recycling Services LLC were keynote speakers at Biocycle Tenth Annual Renewable Energy From Organics Recycling Conference in Des Moines, IA October 18 to 20, 2010. Quest Recycling CEO and EVP encouraged conference participants to jump on the waste to energy revolution and build additional outlets to process food waste, also called organics, into high value end products such as energy and compost.

According to the EPA, the United States generate over 30 million tons of food waste every year, with less than 3% being recycled. As anaerobic bacteria digest our trash, they release carbon dioxide and methane gas, both of which seep out of the soil and into the air. As a result, landfills are one of the largest producers of methane, which has been proven to be a leading cause of global warming.

Quest Recycling is at the fore front of the waste to energy movement, working with the nation's largest retailers and food waste processors to recycle over 180,000 tons of organics so far in 2010. It takes an average of 30 years for organic waste to break down into stable compounds in your average landfill, in comparison, a well run composter will complete the job in as little as three weeks.

"The time is right" said Brian Dick "to leverage increased demand to reduce amount of non edible food waste from landfills and technological improvements to process these organics into energy, compost and other high value end products". "There are less than 200 operating anaerobic digestors in the United States currently and only a select few of those have the ability to process food waste. In contrast, Europe has thousands that have been successful for many years producing green power from food waste. The time to invest in this technology is now and Quest can provide the necessary feedstocks to move the industry to more green power".

"We are excited to be in the forefront of this exciting emerging business that can reduce the amount of food waste in our landfills and provide a much need green power source", said Matt Hedrick.

Quest CEO and EVP keynote presentations highlighted the commitment from Quest Recycling Services customers to recycle food waste and drive the waste to energy and composting industry. This commitment combined with the Quest Recycling Services transportation network provides the perfect scenario to encourage growth in anaerobic digesters in the US.

About Quest Recycling LLC

Quest Recycling Services, [www.QuestRecycling.com](http://www.QuestRecycling.com) is one of the nation's fastest growing full service recycling companies. Quest Recycling, which is based out of Frisco, Texas manages the recycling effort of over 7,500 locations nationwide. Quest's customers span from automotive to industrial, fleet, municipalities, hospitality and foodservice industries. Quest also partnered with [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com), providing consumers with information about recycling and local community resources. Quest's provides nation-wide, one-stop recycling solutions for all waste streams to both companies and communities.

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