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Robin Sweere, Quest Recycling Sourcing and Consulting Manager, was a keynote speaker at the Digester Finance Summit sponsored by WWF, AgSTAR, on September 20th in Washington DC.

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Robin Sweere, the Sourcing and Consulting Manager at Quest Recycling Services LLC, was a key panelist at the Digester Finance Summit sponsored by WWF, AgSTAR, on September 20th in Washington DC.

New development modes of Anaerobic Digesters are now emerging that significantly reduce the risk to farmers and project developers while generating significant financial and environmental benefits. New business models will also open up sources of investment capital previously inaccessible to digester system developers. Such models have been used successfully to scale up the wind and solar industries, but have yet to be widely implemented for dairy digester projects.

“Quest is excited to be on the forefront of enabling these projects, said Sweere. Quest’s feedstock feasibility analysis program provide anaerobic developer with all necessary information, including local food waste generators volume, to help assess the profitability of developing an anaerobic digester.

In order to tap these opportunities, digester projects must be able to demonstrate profitability while addressing a variety of risks to the satisfaction of host farms, project developers, lenders, and investors. Achieving a paradigm shift in digester development calls for innovative strategies to reduce costs and improve reliability, increase revenues, and share the benefits among key stakeholders.

” Quest was the sole representative of food waste generators and haulers to provide prospective on generators needs when working with digesters. The overall challenge with these projects is the sheer number of contracts required, the risk potential, and bringing together of all of the stakeholders at the right time. This is why Quest’s Feasibility Study is a key element to a sound due diligence and saves the digester developer so much time. Said Sweere.”

“The conference was one of those opportunities where you had all the stakeholders together to educate on risks and mitigating factors to help enable contracts to come together in a more efficient manner.” Said Sweere.

About Quest Recycling LLC

Quest Recycling Services, 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 partners with 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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While dairy digesters represent a mature industry overseas, the U.S. is an emerging, growth market for these systems, indicating a significant opportunity to generate value from a clean, renewable, and flexible resource.