

## **SASKATCHEWAN TO HOST ETHANOL SYMPOSIUM**

Two groups in southwestern Saskatchewan have teamed up to host the province's first ever Ethanol Symposium, being held this October at the Jubilee Arena in Shaunavon.

Cypress Agri-Energy and Action Southwest decided to host the October 12th event in order to explore the opportunities offered by ethanol production. The symposium will also provide a venue for provincial leaders from across Canada to discuss the requirements that must be met within a national framework for ethanol development.

"The southwest is a region that works together," said Action Southwest Project Manager Sandra Blyth. "That is how people got involved in Cypress Agri Energy – a 90 million litre ethanol plant! It isn't a project that any one of us could have tackled on our own. Producers and investors came together because we all see the benefits that an ethanol facility could bring, not just to Shaunavon, but to the entire region."

Blyth said that once people got involved in the project, they wanted to spread the good news about the potential of the industry. They thought a symposium about ethanol would be the perfect way to tell people about the jobs, spin-off industries and local opportunity that can come from an ethanol project.

"It is refreshing to see these kinds of partnerships form at the regional level," said Deputy Premier and Minister of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development Clay Serby. "Whether that means producers and investors working together to build a renewable fuel production facility in their community, or whether that means a number of groups working to bring a corporate-owned plant to their region, we need that kind of co-operation for our province to capture the opportunities of the industry."

Serby, who leads the provincial government's renewable fuels development efforts, is one of several people featured as speakers at the event. Organizers have lined up ethanol experts from not only Canada, but the United States as well. Full agenda details will be announced in the coming weeks.

The registration deadline for the Saskatchewan Ethanol Symposium is October 2, 2006. More details are available at [www.actionsouthwest.com](http://www.actionsouthwest.com) or through the event's sponsor – Cypress Agri Energy – at [www.cypressagrienergy.com](http://www.cypressagrienergy.com).

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