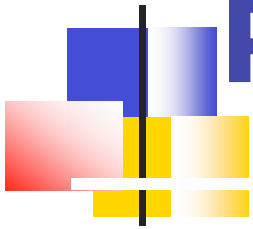


# Pricing and contract structure procedures for a RIM Clean Energy Program



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**University of Minnesota (UMN)**

**Center for Integrated Natural Resources and  
Agricultural Management (CINRAM)**



# Mission

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CINRAM is a partner-based organization that catalyzes the development and adoption of integrated land use systems. CINRAM links the expertise of the Univ. of Minnesota with the experience and insights of people and organization who work with and have understanding of, opportunities and issues across the landscape



# Project Activities

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- Develop procedures to establish and maintain the RIM-CE program;
- Create a web-accessible, easily updatable, soils-based price schedule that reflects land market values and societal environmental values; and
- Propose easement contract structures that reduce landowner risk and enhance public benefits over time.



## Develop procedures to establish and maintain the RIM-CE program

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- Finalize a state-wide soils database, consistent between counties.
- Create a RIM-CE-specific “sustainable biomass index” (SBI).
- Use SBI to generate a RIM-CE pricing system that combines both private costs and public benefits.



## Create a web-accessible, easily updatable, soils-based price schedule

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- Adapt the BWSR-initiated Minnesota Land Economics web site to permit agency access to full soils and RIM-CE pricing data.
- Users could select relevant data through either a mapping or a listing interface.



## Propose easement contract structures that reduce landowner risk and enhance public benefits

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- Conduct focus group interviews to determine desirable contract structure.
- Recommend RIM-CE contract form.
- Provide an update on current UMN research which identifies environmental benefits of perennial biomass crops.
- Recommend RIM-CE cover and practice guidelines



# Potential focus groups

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- Landowners
  - Where?
- Contract/program administrators
- Landowner service providers
- Agency representatives



# Questions?

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