



2006 Highlights

Maximizing the Momentum

Science Enterprise Algoma (seA) completed its second year of operation in 2006 under the leadership and guidance of Executive Director, Errol Caldwell. Highlights from 2006 include:

Commercialization

- Assisted six private sector firms involved in bio-based technology
- Signed a MOU with BioEnterprise who will act as a hub for commercialization activity for companies involved in pilot and demonstration stages in the agri and forestry sectors
- Obtained funding approval from the Go North Northern Communities Investment Readiness (NCIR) Program, relating to an intellectual property assessment project
- Participated as a member of the Northern Ontario Value Added Steering Committee
- On behalf of Innovation Initiatives Ontario North (IION), developed a bioproduct database for Northern Ontario to be included on the OntarioBioproducts.com website
- Led selection committee to hire the Executive Director for IION
- Undertook the lead role to facilitate bioproduct development in Northern Ontario on behalf of IION
- Completed the selection and staffing of IION's Bioproduct Sector Specialist, Leon Magdzinski
- Obtained approval and staffed a NOHFC Intern in Science Commercialization

Capacity Building

- Facilitated access to laboratory facilities for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre (GLFC)
- Obtained funding to develop an operating and implementation plan for the second phase of the proposed Centre for Invasive Alien Species
- Initiated the development of a funding and science capacity database for the region
- Initiated discussions to establish a Centre for Excellence in Forest Innovation in Sault Ste. Marie

Communications & Marketing

- Established seA website, as well as independent internet and email connections
- Made numerous presentations about seA to various local groups and committees
- Developed a bioproduct showcase and seA information booth to participate in various events and promote seA
- Sought and obtained funding for a FedNor Intern to fill the position of Client Relations and Communications Officer
- Initiated the creation of a newsletter to promote seA's latest activities and achievements