



## PDC Newsletter - Jan 2022

With every new year comes a clean slate. We are looking for all the wonderful opportunities that 2022 will bring.

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis*

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## PDC News

### FOR/Maine Coalition - Finalist for the Build Back Better Regional Challenge

The FOR/Maine Coalition has been selected as a finalist in the \$1 billion [#BuildBackBetter](#) Regional Challenge from the U.S. [Economic Development Administration](#). The challenge is assisting communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

Our coalition of partners, representing a subset of FOR/Maine, is working to accelerate the Northern Forest Bioeconomy through innovation, commercialization, workforce, and community redevelopment. Please see our press release here: [UMaine](#).

[#AmericanRescuePlanAct](#)



## PDC Staff

### New Hires

*We are pleased to welcome Kevin Doyle to our team.*

Kevin Doyle joined our PDC team as Project Technician. Kevin graduated from SUNY - Oswego with a degree in Chemistry. He was previously with Nestle and Cerahelix prior to joining our group. Kevin will work with PDC clients to execute projects.



## PDC Events

### Biobased Materials for Advanced Manufacturing

*Three-part webinar series starting January 28, 2022*

Sign up for the upcoming webinar series "Biobased Materials for Advanced Manufacturing". This three-part webinar series is presented by Oak Ridge National Laboratory, The University of Maine, and APPTI.

The first webinar of the series is on January 28, 2022 at 10am.

There is no cost to attend but registration is required to receive the link for the webinar. Click [here](#).

### 4th Annual Cellulose Nanomaterials Forum

*Save the date for this year's event:*

- August 23 – 25, 2022
- Wells Conference Center, Orono, ME

For more information on the Cellulose Nanomaterials Forum or upcoming PDC events, please contact Proserfina Bennett at: [pbennett@maine.edu](mailto:pbennett@maine.edu) | 207-581-2281.

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