



## **Former NH Congressman Bass to Join Laidlaw's Board**

New York, New York--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))—March 17, 2009— Laidlaw BioPower, LLC, an affiliate of Laidlaw Energy Group, Inc. (Ticker Symbol “LLEG”), announced today that Charles F. Bass has joined its board of directors.

Mr. Bass is a former 6 term congressman for New Hampshire's second congressional district. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Republican Main Street Partnership (<http://www.republicanmainstreet.org>) and previously served as its President and CEO.

Commenting on the appointment, Laidlaw President and CEO Michael B. Bartoszek stated, “Charlie has been a great asset to our company and an integral part of our New Hampshire biomass-energy development efforts. We are pleased that he has chosen to expand his relationship with us by joining our board.”

Mr. Bass has been acting as an advisor to Laidlaw Energy in connection with its conversion of the former Fraser Papers Pulp Mill located in Berlin, NH into a state-of-the-art biomass-energy facility that is expected to supply renewable energy for New Hampshire's citizens and hot water for a nearby paper mill. He is also a board member of New England Wood Pellet of Jaffrey, NH.

“This is exciting”, Bass commented, “It is a true honor for me to expand my association with Laidlaw Biopower, a leader in America's effort to develop and commercialize medium and large scale biomass co-generation capacity. Having worked with their management team for almost two years, I have come to appreciate their understanding of the business environment, the technical issues associated with this emerging technology, and the complexity dealing with all the obstacles normally associated with project development of this nature. Laidlaw Biopower will be developing successful biomass projects across the Northeast, and I look forward to being actively supportive of this success,” Bass stated.

### About the Berlin, NH Biomass-Energy Project

The Berlin Project is expected to utilize approximately 700,000 tons of clean wood biomass chips per annum and is expected to directly employ 40 skilled workers and create or support over 500 indirect jobs associated with wood chip supply and transportation. Requiring a capital investment of over \$100 million, the 66 megawatt plant is expected to be among the largest and most environmentally advanced biomass-energy plants in North America.

## About Laidlaw Energy Group

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