

SENIOR INDUSTRY ADVISOR

Quebec City or Pointe Claire, Quebec

About FPInnovations

FPInnovations is among the world's largest private, non-profit research centers working in forest research. The organization helps the Canadian forest industry to develop path breaking solutions based on the unique attributes of Canada's forest resources, favouring a sustainable development approach and taking full advantage of the industry's considerable scientific, technological and commercial capital.

Description

We are looking for a Senior Industry Advisor who will apply their manufacturing experience to liaise and support FPInnovations members in eastern Canada, develop new business opportunities as well as manage and deliver various projects or government funded programs related to sawmilling. The Industry Advisor will report to the Manager of Advanced Wood Manufacturing, and will work as part of a network of Industry Advisors in Quebec and across Canada to identify and implement initiatives that include mill operational improvements, technology innovations and other practices that will further stakeholder interests.

Responsibilities

- Work to improve sawmill operational performance by developing/recommending and implementing best practices and assisting with the implementation of new technologies that contribute to competitiveness and business growth.
- Understand the needs of FPInnovations' Wood Products industrial members and is aware of provincial & federal government needs and priorities.
- Maintain FPInnovations' member engagement at a mill level and provide opportunities for funding relationships through establishing networks and alliances.
- Work to develop relationships with communities that lead to successful economic development based on sound science and innovative approaches in the forest and wood products sector.
- Provide visibility and support for FPInnovations' activities through the transfer of knowledge and results from FPInnovations' research programs with presentations, workshops and face-to-face meetings.
- Develop and manage specific projects within a collaborative team.
- Contribute technically in one or more sawmill fields including drying, sawing, quality control, optimization etc. and supporting local trials, transferring knowledge and implementing results.
- Prepare reports and present information adapted to diverse audiences.

- Facilitate the development of direction and objectives for FPInnovations by reporting specialized information obtained from client contacts.
- Ensure services provided always meet or exceed the client's expectations.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Forest Engineering, or Wood Products Processing, or an equivalent combination of relevant education and experience
- More than 7 years of practical experience in sawmilling operations and business
- Understanding of the Quebec and Canadian wood products sectors
- Good knowledge and contacts in the Quebec sawmill sector companies
- Understanding the supply side of sawmill operations including harvesting, transportation, biomass and the respective impacts on supply quality and value, would be an asset
- Business development skills with a focus on innovation
- Independent self-starter with a track record of successful client relations
- Fluent in French and with English proficiency also preferred
- Ability to travel extensively throughout Quebec and occasionally out of province.

Please send your application to:

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