



### **Forum Thursday Dec. 10th: Chad Laurent, Meister Consultants Group**

While we have discussed many technologies at the BASEA forums, in December we are happy to introduce a new subject: renewable heating and cooling technologies.

Chad Laurent, formerly with Massachusetts Energy Consumers' Alliance, and now with the [Meister Consultants Group](#), will cover this technology segment, based on geothermal, solar thermal, and biomass energy.

Although these are among the lowest cost options for both reducing CO2 emissions and fossil fuel dependency worldwide, the market growth has been relatively stagnant, especially when compared to the renewable electricity and transportation markets. Chad will cover the technologies themselves and begin to explore the reasons for this neglected opportunity, as well as describe what policies can help develop this untapped market.

Chad holds a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School where he was a Rappaport Honors Fellow in Law and Public Policy, and a B.S. from the University of Michigan in Environmental Policy & Behavior and Natural Resource Ecology & Management. He was the Manager of Renewable Energy Programs for the Massachusetts Energy Consumers' Alliance, and while in law school, worked in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and interned in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in the Energy and Telecommunications Division. His professional experience also includes work with the Environmental Defense Fund and the Rocky Mountain Institute.

The Meister Consultants Group specializes in alternative energy, environmental sustainability, international dialogue, and corporate responsibility. Chad himself is focused on renewable energy law and policy, sustainable business strategies, and renewable energy project development.

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**Location:** First Parish in Cambridge Unitarian Universalist 3 Church Street , Harvard Square, Cambridge

**Time:** Presentation begins at 7:30 PM ; Doors open at 7:00 PM

**Look for our Winter-Spring Forums Announcements:**

We will be covering new and old topics, with tentative speakers from the Solar Decathlon Tufts-BAC project, potential for wave and tidal energy, an update on storage, and several others. Should be a great finish to a great beginning!

We hope to see you Thursday, December 10th.  
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