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PPERA'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



Agenda 2020 Focus for the Future

The Six Technology Platforms – Crafted for High Value/Low Risk with a Proven Portfolio Tool





The Forest Biorefinery – Production



A National Strategy for Pulp and Paper Technical Training



National Network for Pulp & Paper Technology Training (NPT)²



A Strategic Framework

Biorefinery without Fiber Production Hypothetical Schematic Wood and Ag residues Pretreatment Cellulose Extraction Depolymerization Extraction Processing to Higher **Extractives**/ value **Acetic Acid** Sugars products Lignin

Outcomes

- Improved economics for ethanol production from wood
- Healthy less fire prone forests
- Reduced fire suppression costs
- Offset cost of forest management
- Less dependence on foreign oil
- New generations of high performance, valueadded sustainable forest-based materials and product platforms
- Increased competitiveness of the forest products sector

Nanotechnology Opportunities for Current Products & Processes

- Sensors to monitor processes and product history
- Revolutionize separations
- Breakthrough surface characteristics
- Incredible bonding
- Dramatic simplification of our processes
- Significant synergy with forest biotechnology
- Significant reduction in the need for energy
- Eliminate the need for water