* **Research Cafe!**

When: Nov 10th, 2011 at 4:00 – 5:00

Where: University Club, Fogler Library

Who: Hemant Pendse, Director of the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute

Topic : Forest Bioproducts – Why now, why in Maine?

The Forest Bioproducts Research Institute has made it its mission to find innovative and new uses for sustainably harvested wood from Maine forests. The work being done at FBRI could markedly change the way forest resources are looked at and utilized. In order to reduce the dependency on fossil fuels, the FBRI is using cutting edge technology to create new bio-products, such as transportation fuels, wood-based chemicals, and consumer products to help leave a smaller, lighter ecological footprint.

FBRI is helping to get these bio-products (for example, carbon nano-fibers and green diesel) to markets as quickly as possible by providing a way for businesses to see the technology first hand in the FBRI lab. From the 40,000 sq. ft. high-bay FBRI Technology Research Center, businesses can get to see demonstrations of scalability in a pilot-scale facility to help them bring the new products and processes to full commercialization.