

Congratulations...

Itasca Community College, on your new Messersmith Biomass boiler.

Itasca was founded in 1922 as a two year public college. They serve 1200 students with 40 full time faculty. The average class size is 24 students. The main focus is in Natural resources, pulp and paper, geographic information systems and power generation., to name a few.



The use of forest residue as a heating fuel has a great potential to provide a renewable, clean source of energy while investing in rural economies.

Itasca wanted to use a sustainable sources of energy. Academic programs at Itasca such as the Natural Resource program, Engineering program and Power Generation program have worked to develop a Biomass Project.



Itasca's campus covers nearly 12 acres and has almost 240,000 square feet of building space. In many ways, the College functions like a small community. The biomass project will serve as a showcase for the use of renewable energy for a town's or small city's heating needs.



And educational opportunities for students are an added benefit, as the college has existing forestry and power generation programs.