



PADNOS’ session, “Innovating Solutions for the Circular Economy,” will be on the first day of the meeting. Nungesser will moderate.

A major topic of conversation among state leaders, the circular economy is a method of production and consumption that involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing, and recycling existing materials and products for as long as possible. Bliss said sustainability is a perfect topic for PADNOS because the company’s purpose is to continue to innovate, lead, and make a positive impact. The session will cover emerging innovations for maximizing recycling technologies including Sustainability City, the company’s 18,000 square-foot innovation space.

Sustainability City features equipment desired for consumer-scale rather than industry scale so visitors can see firsthand how their equipment would be used and perform onsite. “The space allows for work that doesn’t happen with day-to-day processing,” Bliss says.

PADNOS is working to address recycling of Automotive Shredder Residue (ASR) and Ocean Bound Plastics (OBP). The company has partnered with Island Green Living on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands to collect and process OBP.

“The goal is to offer viable alternatives to small islands around the Caribbean who don’t have access to recycling facilities,” Bliss says. “Through the program, residents can bale plastics or aluminum cans and send them to PADNOS for us to process and sell to consumers.”