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Biomass Research and Development Initiative

FY 2014-2015 Solicitation Review

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By The Numbers

- 414 Concept Papers submitted
 - 4 removed due to late submission
 - 410 reviewed under DOE leadership
- 47 Full Applications accepted
 - 36 reviewed; 11 triaged
 - Majority in TA: Product Development
- 8 in Outstanding or Very Good



Panel Make-up

- 14 Panelists
 - 5 Females
 - 6 Minorities
 - 3 ARS scientists
 - 6 University
 - 3 Industry
 - 2 Consultants
- 11 States represented
- 4 TAC Members
- 9 former BRDI Reviewers



Panel Activity

- Week of February 15
 - Few members were late arriving due to snow
 - Two called-in due to health or travel cancelled
- Reviews were expeditious
 - Reduced review by a full day



Panel Input towards RFA and Reviews

- Do not force focus on only one TA
 - Echoes TAC comments
 - Encourage LCA/TEA
- Bring on Manager/Reviewers earlier to speed up the process
- Continue Triage approach



Next Steps

- USDA and DOE leadership brief
 - Selection announcement after full vetting and negotiations
- Announcement by both Secretaries
- Next solicitation target October 2016