



**INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP (IWG)**  
**UPDATE TO THE**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**  
**Conversion Working Group**  
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# Overview of the Working Group

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- *What is your charter/mission?*
  - The mission of the Conversion Working Group (CWG) is to assist the Board in coordinating Federal research and development programs focused on the conversion of biomass into biofuels, biopower, co-products and non-food biobased products and provide the Board with information about conversion technologies.
- *Who are your members?*
  - The agencies currently represented are: DOD-DLA; DOE-SC, DOE-EERE; EPA-ORD; USDA-FS and USDA-ARS.
- *What are some of your projects/past accomplishments?*
  - Contributing to the development of the Integrated Supply Chain White Paper.
  - CWG members participated in Board meetings to discuss key barriers associated with the deployment of advanced biofuel and bioenergy technologies nationwide.
  - No-Go on projects database: Project titles do not adequately reflect the extent of effort and resources committed to that activity. Another method to catalog the research activities of the participant agencies will be explored.
- *What are you working on?*
  - A comprehensive listing on the status of agency projects working to accelerate the advancement of conversion technologies for advanced biofuels.
  - Revise the list of technology performance metrics to assess the commercial viability of conversion technology routes to reflect accomplishments in conversion technology.
  - *Review and implement strategy and recommendations resulting from the Federal Bioeconomy Strategy Workshop*

# Focus areas for 2015

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- *What are some areas that would be helpful for the TAC to focus on in 2015?*
  - *Encourage greater interagency interaction (formal, informal, scheduled) conversations and discussion at all levels*
  - *Encourage/emphasize CRADAs/WFOs to improve federal lab/industrial impact (are there better metrics to measure this?)*
  - *Encourage greater interaction and support from state and local governments (this is sometimes fragmented)*
  - *Utilize existing infrastructure and extensions to communicate aims of bioeconomy*
  - *Help identify the “industrial commons” for biomass conversion to enable the technical community to interact more efficiently and productively*
  - *Provide guidance/direction on the best use of the IWGs?*