



**Biomass R&D Technical  
Advisory Committee (TAC)**  
August 27-28, 2015

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**DOE Updates**

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# Agenda at a Glance: Day 1

## Day 1: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

August 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast (to be provided for Committee)</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<u>Welcome, Meeting Direction, and Agency Updates</u> <i>Committee Co-Chairs</i> <i>Elliott Levine, Bioenergy Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy</i> <i>Todd Campbell, U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	How do RINS work? Sandra Dunphy, Director-Energy Compliance, Weaver
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<u>Panel: Assessment Tools and Measuring Environmental Externalities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Environmental Sustainability Indicators, Virginia Dale, ORNL</i></li><li>• <i>Environmental Assessment Tools and How Are They Used? Jennifer Dunn, Argonne National Laboratory</i></li></ul>
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<u>Panel: Biomass Resource Development and National Security Considerations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Landscape Agriculture, Strategic Biomass Resource Utilization, Doug Karlen, USDA ARS</i></li><li>• <i>Strengthening National Security, Chris Tindal, US Navy</i></li><li>• <i>Impact of Developing and Utilizing our Biomass Resources, Laurence Eaton-ORNL</i></li></ul>
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch (to be provided for Committee)</i>

# Agenda at a Glance: Day 1 (Continued)

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<p><u>Panel: Bioeconomy Market Development and Economic Impact</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What does the future fuels market look like and how do biofuels fit?</i> Tony Radich, ELA</li><li>• <i>USDA Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership</i>, Katina Hanson, USDA</li><li>• <i>Biorefinery Assistance Program (BAP)</i>, Mark Brodziski, USDA</li><li>• <i>An Economic Impact Analysis of the U.S. Biobased Products Industry</i>, Robert Handfield, North Carolina State University</li></ul>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<p><i>Break</i></p>
3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<p><u>Subcommittee Breakouts</u>: (closed session)</p>

# Agenda at a Glance: Day 2

## **Day 2: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

**August 28, 2015**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast (to be provided for Committee)</i>
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<u>Subcommittee Breakouts</u> : (closed session) <i>Break at 9:45 a.m.</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<u>Public Comment</u>
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<u>Subcommittee Report outs</u>
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<u>Discussion</u> : Q4 Meeting Logistics
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch (to be provided for Committee)</i>
2:00 p.m.	<i>Meeting Adjourn</i>

# TAC 2015 Work Timeline

Date	Committee Objectives
<b>Q1 2015</b> March 5, 2015 <b>Webinar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive presentation on the interactions between the Biomass Board, Operation Committees, and Interagency Working Groups.</li></ul>
<b>Q2 2015</b> May 20-22, 2015 <b>(2 ½ day meeting)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TAC along with the attending Operation Committees and Interagency Working Group guests would list and rank topics for the TAC to consider.</li><li>• Agree on TAC 2015 topic areas.</li><li>• Adjust the TAC sub-committee structures (if necessary) to best address one or more topics per future meeting.</li></ul>
<b>Q3 2015</b> August 27-28 <b>(1 ½ day meeting)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work in Subcommittees to develop recommendations on agreed upon topic areas.</li></ul>
<b>Q4 2015</b> November 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>(Meeting and Site Visit)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize and vote on 2015 recommendations.</li><li>• Possible site visit.</li></ul>

# TAC Q3 Meeting Inputs and Outputs

## Inputs

- Six identified focus areas from Q2
- Committee questions from Q1 + Q2 meetings
- Inputs from presentations in Q1, Q2, and Q3
  - RINS
  - Environmental Externalities
  - National Security Considerations
  - Bioeconomy Market Development
- Your subject matter expertise

## Outputs / Deliverables

- Discuss and develop recommendations for 2015.
  - To be finalized at Q4



# Incubator NOI Announcement

## On June 23, an Notice of Intent (NOI) was announced for an Incubator II Program

- The anticipated FOA will seek to develop novel, non-incremental technologies that are not represented in BETO in a significant way.
- Focused in two topic areas:
  - Topic area 1 will focus on proposals related to the algae portfolio.
  - Topic area 2 will focus on proposals in the current feedstocks and conversion portfolios.
- The program aims to make multiple awards in the form of cooperative agreements, with an estimated period of performance for each award of approximately 12-24 months.
- Proposals anticipated at TRLs 2-4
- The NOI can be found on the [EERE website](#) and contains more information and updates to the program.



# Peer and Program Review 2015 Review (1/2)

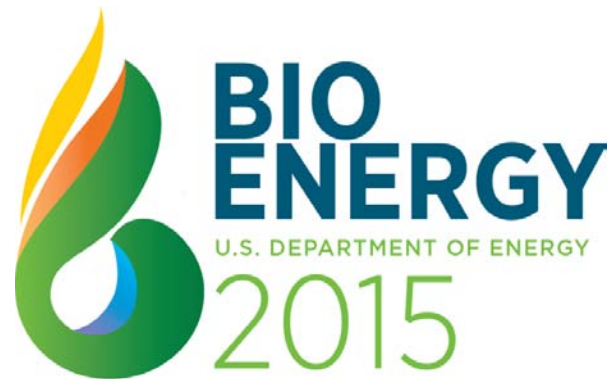
## 2015 PROJECT PEER REVIEW

### 2015 Peer Review

- March 23-27, 2015, Hilton Mark Center Alexandria, VA
- 190 Projects with 48 Reviewers / Steering Committee Members
  - Thermochemical, Biochemical, Terrestrial Feedstocks, Algae, DMT, Cookstoves, and Sustainability and Strategic Analysis
  - Reviewers from industry (52%), Universities (17%), Government (19%), and non-profit (12%).
  - Projects representing \$403M from FY13 – FY14

### 2015 Program Management Review

- June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Convention Center
- Lead Reviewers & Steering Committee Members
  - Lead Reviewers presented compiled feedback
  - PMs responded to feedback
  - Steering Committee & BETO Staff discuss next steps for 2015 - 2016
- Report for 2015 Evaluation Process anticipated December 2015



# Program Management Review Feedback (2/2)

- **Positive Feedback**

- Integrated Biorefineries successfully constructed and commissioning or operating.
- Analysis and Sustainability efforts are making great progress.
- Program addresses entire supply chain of challenges.
- Algae program now has data to support refocusing upstream to algal biomass yields and overcoming productivity limits.

- **Constructive Criticism**

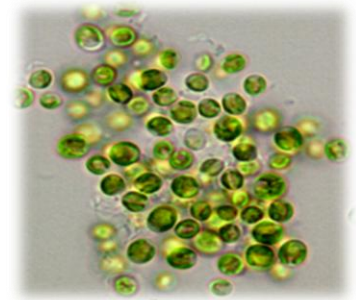
- Program not positioned to respond to the magnitude and speed of price volatility in the fuels markets. Need to communicate the “long view.”
- More funding for DMT. Pilot and demo projects are costly, but vital.
- Need to increase the emphasis on high value co-products to improve cost-effectiveness of relatively low-and-volatile-price transportation fuels.
- Less emphasis on algae conversion technologies and maintain or increase emphasis on algal biomass production technologies.
- Need to better communicate with the public, decision makers, the financial community and other stakeholders

# Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) FY16 Budget

BETO Subprograms (\$K)	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016 Request	FY 2016 House	FY 2016 Senate
Feedstocks	32,000		46,500	
Feedstocks Supply and Logistics	-	17,800	16,500	
Advanced Algal Systems	-	21,000	30,000	30,000
Conversion Technologies	95,800	99,186	75,500	
Demonstration and Market Transformation	79,700	87,514	25,800	
Strategic Analysis and Cross-Cutting Sustainability	11,000	14,000	11,000	
NREL Site-Wide Facility Support	6,500	6,500		
<b>Total, Bioenergy Technologies Office</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>246,000</b>	<b>165,300</b>	<b>225,000</b>

# Targeted Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts Funding Opportunity

- **Goal:** The [Targeted Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts \(TABB\) FOA](#) seeks to reduce the cost of algal biofuels from \$7 per gallon – the current projected state of technology for 2019 – to less than \$5 per gallon algal biofuel by 2019.
- ***Selections announced July 9, 2015***



CO<sub>2</sub> = \$

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Recipient	Up to Amount (\$K)
Producing Algae and Co-Products for Energy (PACE) Colorado School of Mines	9,000
Marine Algae Industrialization Consortium (MAGIC), Duke University	5,200
Global Algae Innovations, Inc., Arizona State University, Mesa, AZ	1,000
University of California, San Diego	760
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA	1,000

# Sustainability of Cellulosic Bioenergy Systems - FOA

## DOE Announced up to \$9M for design of sustainable bioenergy systems

- Improvement of feedstock production, logistics systems, and technology development
- Work to involve landowners and multi-disciplinary stakeholders in the landscape design process.
- Will establish field research to quantify and improve sustainability metrics, and assess logistics systems needed to provide high quality cellulosic feedstocks to conversion facilities for bioenergy

### Antares Group, Inc. (Lanham, Maryland)

- Design system to enable more stable and diverse future feedstock supplies for three cellulosic biorefineries in Iowa and Kansas while increasing both profitability and ecological benefits in those areas.
  - Corn stover
  - Switchgrass
  - Warm season grasses





# Biomass Research & Development Initiative (BRDI)

## BRDI FOA was released on February 26, 2015

- USDA-NIFA-9008-004957 (full solicitation information [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov))
- This opportunity addresses USDA and DOE programmatic objectives, administrative roles, and areas of interest in implementing Biomass Research and Development Initiative grants.
  - USDA anticipates awarding grants and DOE anticipates awarding Cooperative Agreements under this FOA
  - Anticipated funding level: \$8.7M (USDA: \$5.7M, DOE: \$3.0M)
  - Awards range: \$500K – \$2.0M
- Concept Papers were requested to address one of three technical topic areas:
  1. Feedstocks Development
  2. Biofuels and Biobased Products Development
  3. Biofuels and Biobased Products Development Analysis
- Concept Papers were due: 03/27/2015 – 379 received
- Full Applications were due: 7/27/2015



# Bioproducts to Enable Biofuels Workshop

## Public workshop held 7/16 in Westminster, CO

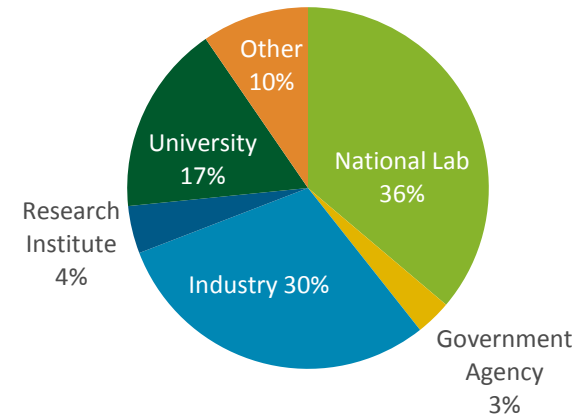
- 94 stakeholder attendees were asked to provide feedback on BETO's bioproducts strategy in anticipation of a forthcoming FOA related to how bioproducts can enable the production of biofuels.

## Major Takeaways

- Considerable discussion on the economic merits of bioproducts and how they help diversify the risks that new IBRs face when coming online
- Additional stakeholder input was gathered on platform chemicals and R&D strategies that show strong potential for both standalone and co-production of bioproducts

## Next Steps

- Workshop report to be made public in early FY16



Criteria participants felt were most important when selecting target bioproducts:

- The product is produced via a conversion technology that is broadly applicable to multiple products and/or fuels
- The product could serve as a building block/platform chemical for a biorefinery
- The product is a direct substitute for an existing petrochemical

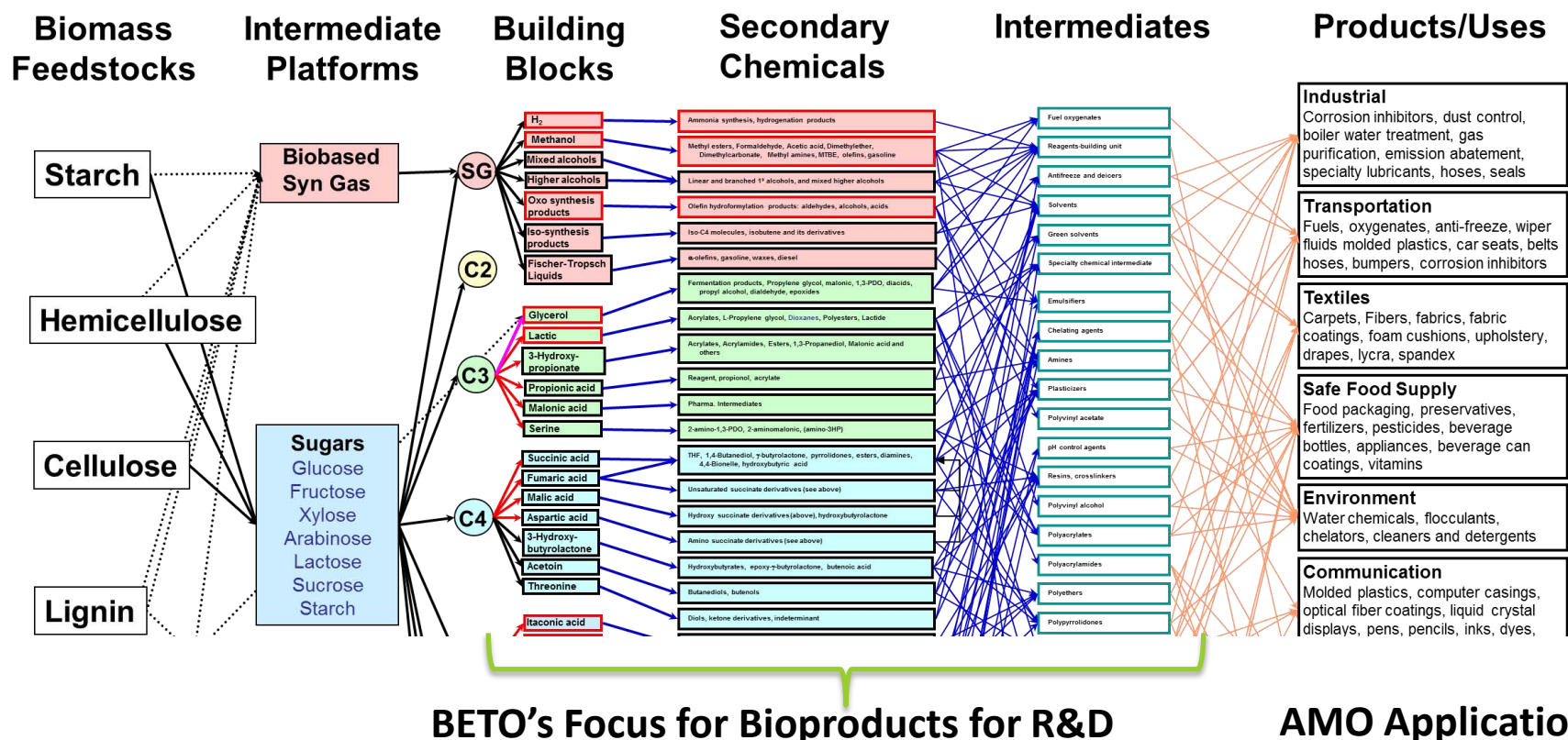


## Factoids:

- The US produces 15% of global chemicals and chemicals comprise 12% of all US exports.
- The US produces: ethylene, propylene, polyethylene, butadiene, butanol, polystyrene, Ethylene Oxide, Mono-ethylene glycol.
- These petroleum derived chemicals are converted to: plastics, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, detergents, packaging, clothing, car parts.
- Fuel makes up 76% of the volume of US oil products and is worth \$935 bn.
- Chemicals make up 16% of the volume of US oil products and is worth \$812 bn.

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, EIA, American Chemical Council

# Bioproducts to Enable Biofuels



Modified from Werpy and Peterson 2008

- Innovative approaches for bioproducts:
  - Molecular replacements for petroleum derived chemicals.
  - Performance replacements for petroleum derived chemicals.
    - Infancy stage – play to the strength of the oxygenated polymers in biomass.
  - Lignin and waste streams to value added products (X2 the cost of biofuels on a mass basis).

## **Renewable Carbon Fiber FOA** (negotiated selections to start FY15)

- Technologies to enable manufacture of bio-derived acrylonitrile.
- Joint work with Advanced Manufacturing Office / Vehicle Technologies Office

## **Lignin Valorization** (Ongoing projects – NREL & Others)

- Convergent strategies for funneling lignin to intermediates & Refinery Integration.

## **Biochemical Upgrading FOA** (selections to start FY15)

- Expected total of \$13M awarded.
- NREL Muconic acid (platform intermediate) from biogas.
- Natureworks lactic acid from biogas.

## **Targeted Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts** (FY15 FOA)

- Six projects selected July 2015 for total of \$18M

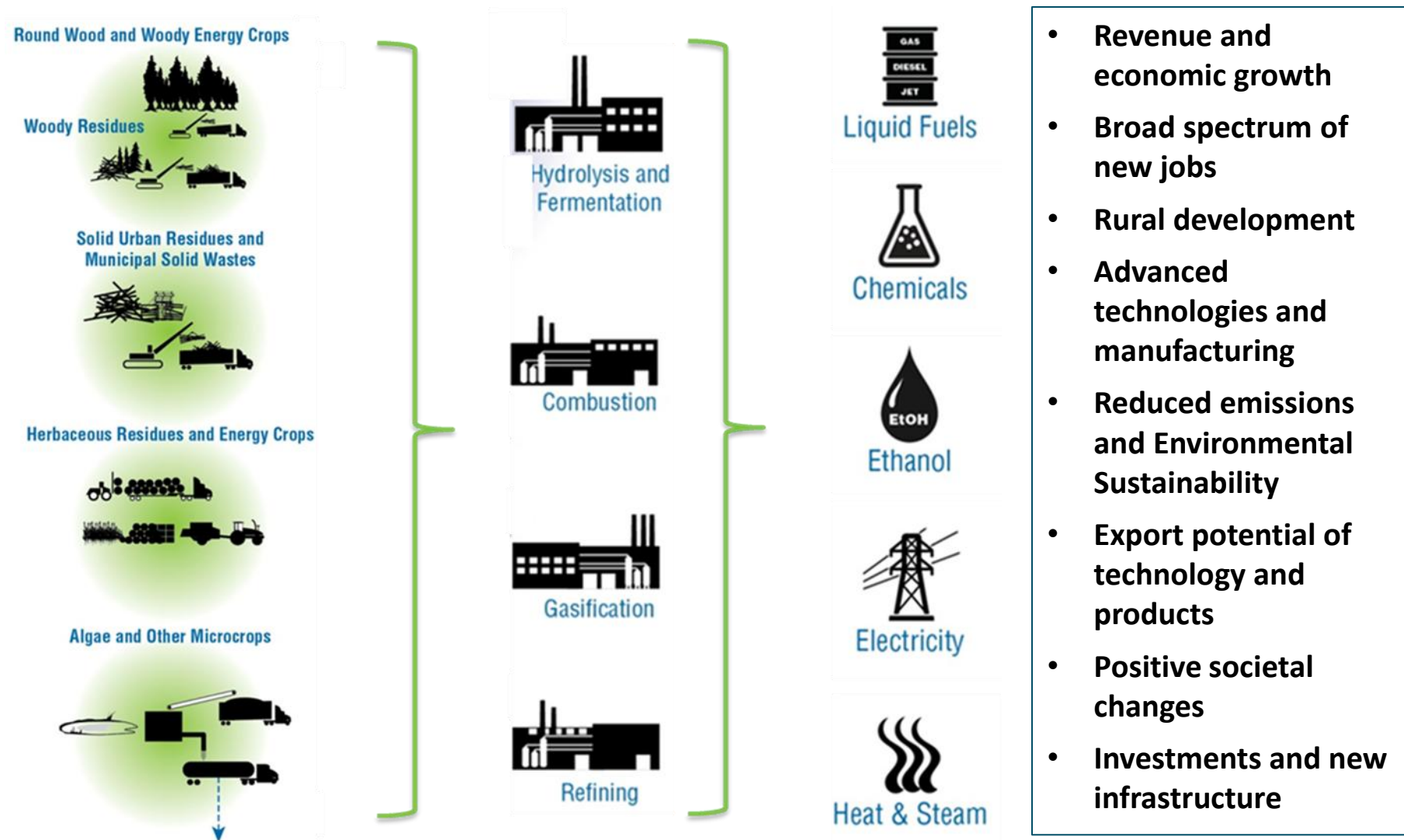
## Bioproducts to enable fuels FOA – Will have two objective areas:

- Improve upon a process/single unit operation to produce a biofuel or bioproducts
  - Applicant presents a compelling TEA that demonstrates 1) a biomass to fuels process that could produce commercial biofuels in the near- to mid-term and 2) a technology deficiency in that process that, when improved upon, could generate cost-competitive biofuels.
- Applicant will take a consortia approach to tackling a biomass to biofuels pathway
  - The applicant will conduct R&D to integrate and validate a pathway toward biofuels.

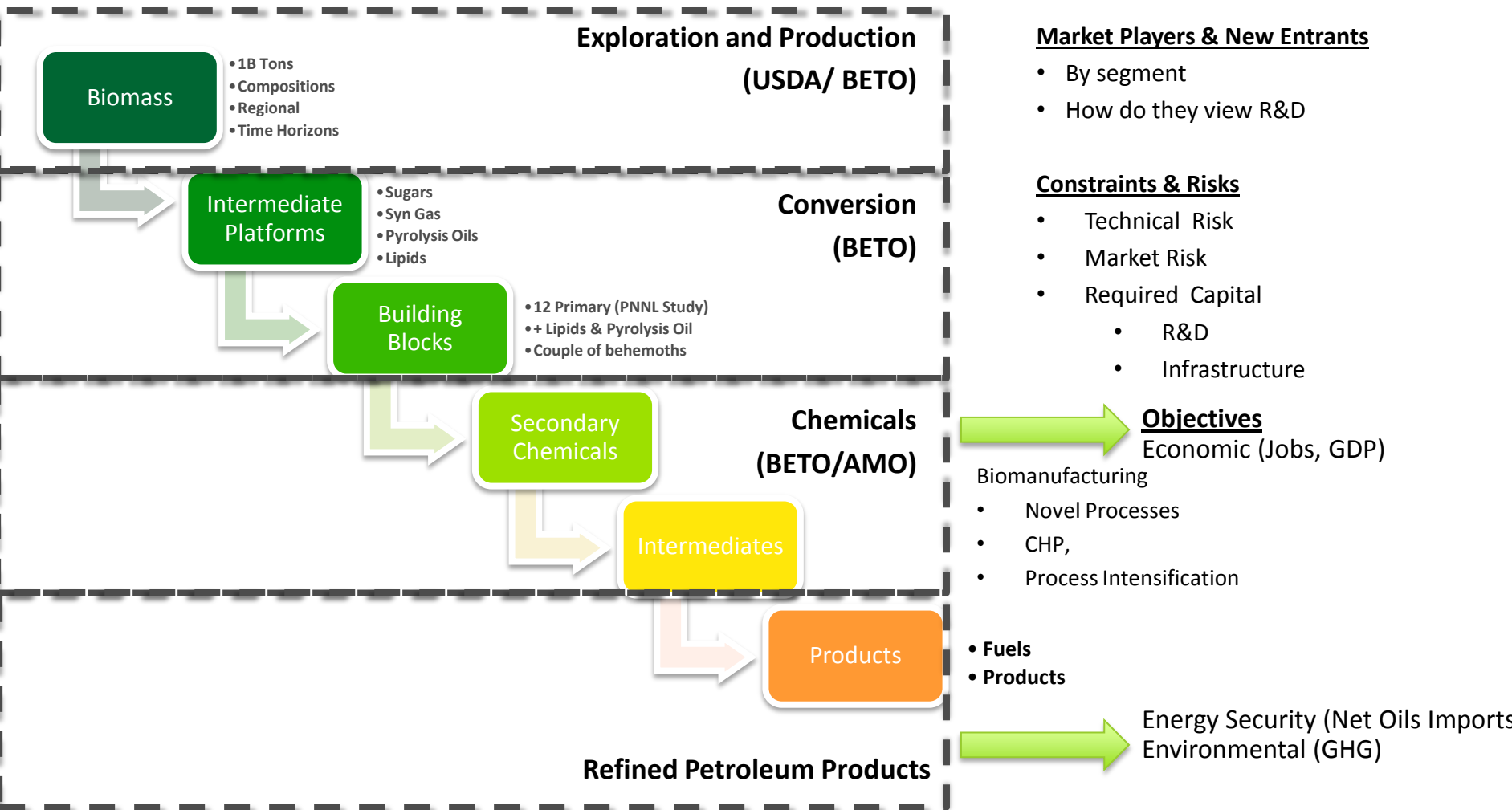
## DMT FOA 2015/FY 2016

- The 2015 DMT FOA will target the development of demonstration scale facilities that produce biofuels. Bioproducts that are produced alongside fuels will be encouraged.
- $\geq 50\%$  reduction of carbon intensity in biofuels & commercialization plant.

# The Bioeconomy Concept



# BETO's Expected Role Within The Bioeconomy: Framework



*Cost effectively optimize energy security, environmental, and economic gains made available through cultivation and use of 1B tons of available biomass towards bio-based fuels & products*



# BETO Strategic Planning Update

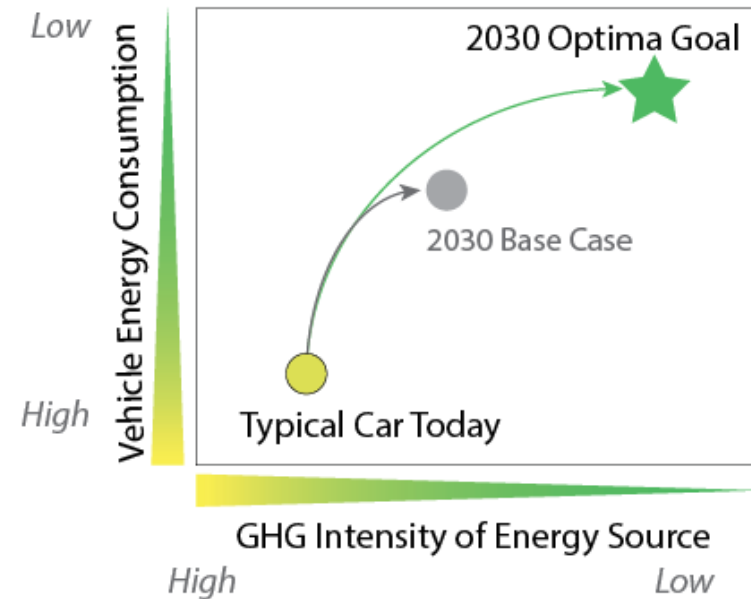
- **Why:** To align the program with evolving energy landscape and EERE and DOE goals
- **SWOT Analysis Completed: July 2015** ✓
- **Focus Groups Meetings with Stakeholders Completed: August 2015** ✓
  - Feedstocks
  - Market Penetration and Infrastructure
  - Research and Development
  - Scale-Up and Commercialization
  - Sustainability
- **Strategic Planning Meeting October 2015**
  - Draft Goals / Strategies
- **Stakeholder Engagement: October 2015 - November 2015**
- **Development and Approval of Strategic Plan: Summer 2016**





# Optima: Co-Optimization of Fuels and Engines

- The nation requires new low carbon fuels and advanced engines that are *co-optimized*—designed in tandem to work for maximum performance and carbon efficiency.
- The Optima initiative will accelerate the widespread deployment of significantly improved fuels and vehicles (passenger to light truck to heavy-duty commercial vehicles) by 2030.
- Optima goals include:
  - Develop new fuels and vehicles with higher performance that can be produced affordably, sustainably, and at scale.
  - Identify and mitigate barriers to wide-scale deployment of new fuels and vehicles.
  - Through a coordinated DOE and national lab effort, maximize value to widest range of stakeholders.
- Stakeholders Listening Day, June 16-17, 2015, Golden, CO
- Plenary held for Vehicle and Fuel Optimization at Bioenergy 2015



# Small Engines Request For Information

- Announced June 2015
- Seeking Industry / Academia input on:
  - Potential to optimize and/or modify small engines to utilize ethanol blends greater than 10% (E10)
  - Barriers limiting the expansion of overall biofuel consumption in the small engine industry.
- Multiple Engine Types:
  - Spark-ignition, internal combustion engines such as those found in small tractors, chainsaws, hand-held line trimmers, off-road motorcycles, generator sets, personal water craft, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.
- BETO will address challenges related to:
  - The use of ethanol blends greater than E10 in small engines
  - Increased biofuels availability in related markets
- RFI text available online [on EERE Website](#)

# 2015 Biogas Progress Report

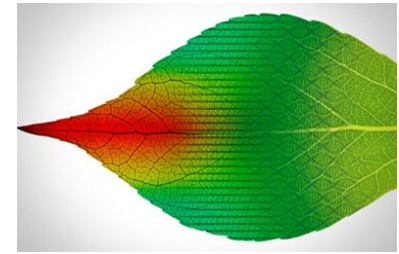


- Report on developments under [Biogas Opportunities Roadmap](#)
  - Component of Climate Action Plan - Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions
  - Aimed at managing methane emissions through biogas energy solutions
  - Collaboration between USDA/EPA/DOE
  - Published August 2014
- Technical and Policy achievements
  - Agencies, Private Industry
  - Identification of major challenges
- Ongoing Projects can be found [online](#).
- Expected publication September 2015



# ARPA-E TERRA Program Awards Six Projects

- Aimed at developing high throughput field sensing platforms for bioenergy crops and analytic tools to mine the phenotyping data from the field and correlate phenotypes with genetic loci.



Recipient and Project	Award Amount (K)
<b><u>Clemson University:</u></b> Breeding High Yielding Bioenergy Sorghum for the New Bioenergy Belt	6,000
<b><u>Donald Danforth Plant Science Center:</u></b> A Reference Phenotyping System for Energy Sorghum	8,000
<b><u>Pacific Northwest National Laboratory:</u></b> Consortium for Advanced Sorghum Phenomics	3,300
<b><u>Purdue University:</u></b> Automated Sorghum Phenotyping and Trait Development Platform	6,500
<b><u>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Research:</u></b> Automated Phenotyping System for Genetic Improvement of Energy Crops	3,100
<b><u>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:</u></b> Mobile Energy-Crop Phenotyping Platform	3,100



# Sustainable Transportation Day

- Held June 22, 2015 at the West Forrester Plaza and Median, Washington, D.C.
- Collaboration between BETO, VTO, and FCTO
- Included EERE Staff, public, industry representatives, stakeholders, and Bioenergy 2015 attendees
  - Hundreds of visitors throughout day
  - Networking opportunity for conference attendees
- Included exhibits from each participating agency.
  - SuperTruck
  - Green Racing Simulator
  - 3D Printed Cobra
  - Flex Fuel Vehicles
  - Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles
- Hundreds of Stakeholders attended
  - Potentially recurring event



# The Work of the Biomass R&D TAC can be Found Online



<http://www.biomassboard.gov/>

<http://www.biomassboard.gov/committee/committee.html>

- Find info on:
  - Previous work and recommendations;
  - Meeting summaries;
  - TAC membership list; and
  - Key “library” documents and referenced materials.

# References and Useful Links

## References:

1. Bioenergy Technologies Office Multi-Year Program Plan [http://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/04/f22/mypp\\_beto\\_march2015.pdf](http://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/04/f22/mypp_beto_march2015.pdf)
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14. Incubator II NOI <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/#Foaldbc2c8dc8-5e7d-466b-a21b-b6b438b4ca6e>
15. BER Whitepaper: <http://genomicscience.energy.gov/biofuels/BER-Bioenergy-WhitePaper-Final.pdf>

## Useful Links:

1. BETO Web page <http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/bioenergy-technologies-office>
2. BETO's Meetings Web page <http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/meetings>
3. BETO News and Announcements <http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/listings/bioenergy-news>
4. The Targeted Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts (TABB) FOA <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>
5. Waste-to-Energy Workshop Notes <http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/waste-energy-roadmapping-workshop>
6. [ARPA-E TERRA funding opportunity announcement](#)
7. Peer Review 2015 <http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/2015-project-peer-review>
8. DOE/EERE, Sustainable Transportation Office <http://www.energy.gov/eere/transportation>
9. ARPA-E Web page <http://arpa-e.energy.gov/>
10. Office of Science Web page <http://science.energy.gov/>