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

• **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

• **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?