

**Advanced Bioeconomy Feedstocks
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The Challenge and the Opportunity

THE CHALLENGE

- More than **\$1 billion** is spent every three days on U.S. crude oil imports
- Transportation sector accounts for **67%** of petroleum consumption and **26%** of GHG emissions in the U.S.



THE OPPORTUNITY

- More than **1 billion tons** of biomass could be sustainably produced in the U.S.
- 1 Billion tons of biomass could displace **30%** of U.S. petroleum use by 2030 and reduce annual GHG emissions by **400 million tons**



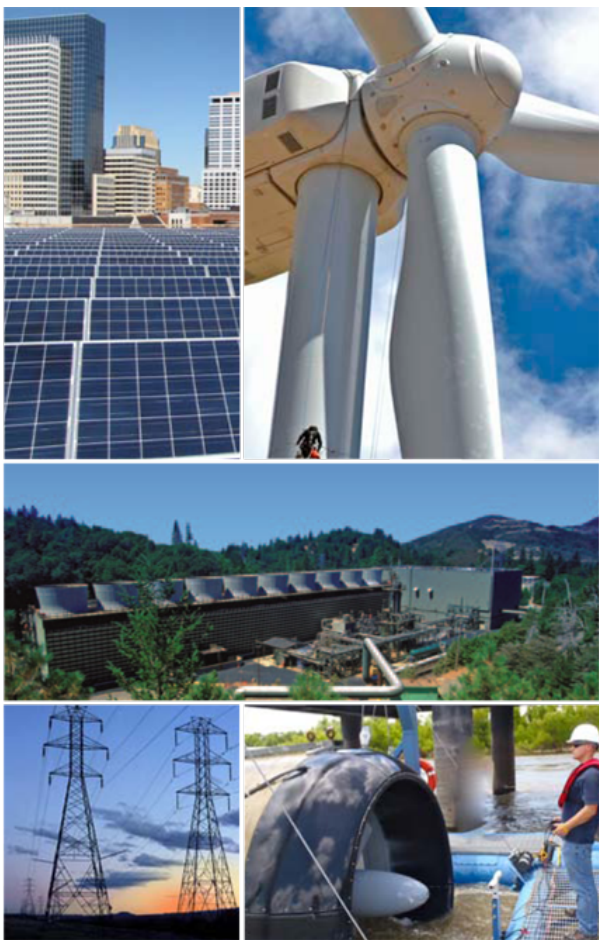
America's biomass resources can help mitigate petroleum dependence

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Sustainable TRANSPORTATION



Renewable ELECTRICITY GENERATION



Energy Saving HOMES, BUILDINGS, & MANUFACTURING



Mission-Critical Support OPERATIONS

Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO)



**A thriving and sustainable bioeconomy
fueled by innovative technologies**

**Developing and demonstrating
transformative and revolutionary bioenergy
technologies for a sustainable nation**

- By 2017, validate at least one pathway for \$3/GGE* hydrocarbon biofuel with $\geq 50\%$ reduction in GHG emissions
- By 2022, validate at least two additional pathways at pilot or demonstration scale (>1 ton/day)

*Mature modeled price at pilot scale.

BETO reduces risks and costs to commercialization through RD&D

BETO's Core Focus Areas

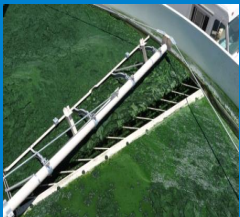
Program Portfolio Management

- Planning
- Systems-Level Analysis
- Performance Validation and Assessment
- MYPP
- Peer Review
- Merit Review
- Quarterly Portfolio Review
- Competitive
- Non-competitive
- Lab Capabilities Matrix

Research, Development, Demonstration, & Market Transformation

Feedstock Supply & Logistics R&D

- Terrestrial feedstocks
- Advanced Algal Systems
- Supply, Production, and Logistics



Conversion R&D

- Deconstruction and Fractionation
- Synthesis and Upgrading



Demonstration & Market Transformation

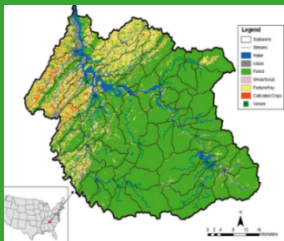
- Integrated Biorefineries
- Biofuels Distribution Infrastructure



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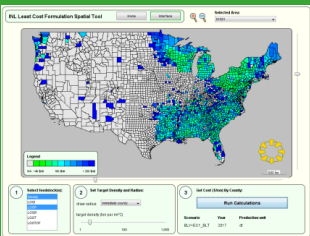
Sustainability

- Sustainability Analysis and Communication
- Sustainable System Design



Strategic Analysis

- Technology and Resource Assessment
- Market and Impact Analysis
- Model Development and Data Compilation



Strategic Communications

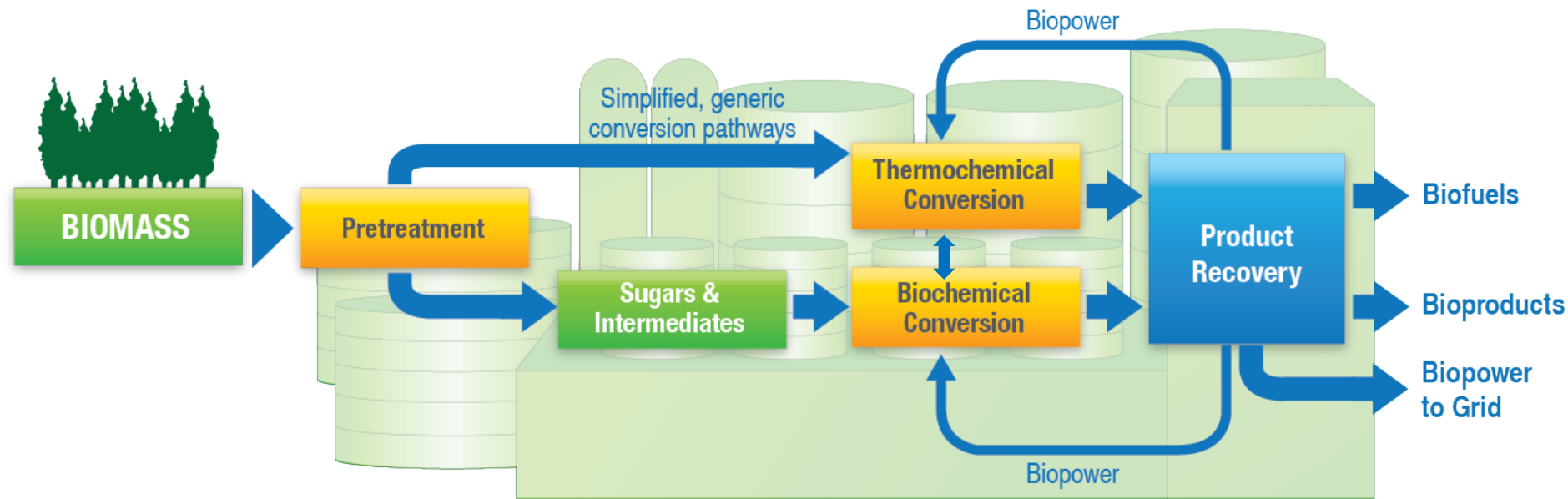
- Public Awareness and Support of Office Goals
- New Communications Vehicles and Outlets
- Benefits of Bioenergy/Bioproducts



Key Challenge for Innovation – Lowering Risks

De-risking technologies is central to R&D through **demonstration** with greater **integration** and **scale**. BETO focuses on:

- Advancing renewable gasoline, diesel, and jet fuels technologies
- Technical, construction, operational and financial/market risks



Key Challenges

Biomass	Pretreatment	Conversion	Product
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reliable supply• Consistent quality• Affordable delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biomass feeding, sizing and moisture• Solids handling• Construction materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Products Yields• Construction materials• Catalysts• Fermentation organisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separations• Catalytic upgrading• Recycle loops

Feedstock Supply and Logistics – Program Goals

- **Strategic Goal:** *Develop technologies to enable a sustainable, secure, reliable, and affordable biomass feedstock supply for the U.S. bioenergy industry, in partnership with USDA and other key stakeholders.*
- **Performance Goals:**
 - By **2017**, validate efficient, **low-cost**, and **sustainable** feedstock supply and logistics systems that can deliver feedstock to the conversion reactor throat at required conversion process infeed specifications, at or below **\$80/dry ton** (2014\$).
 - By **2022**, develop and validate feedstock supply and logistics systems that can **economically** and **sustainably** supply **285 million dry tons** per year at a delivered cost of **\$80/dry ton** to support a biorefining industry (i.e., multiple biorefineries) utilizing a diversity of biomass resources.



FEEDSTOCK SUPPLY



BIOMASS CONVERSION



BIOENERGY DISTRIBUTION



BIOENERGY END USE

Feedstock Supply and Logistics – Accomplishments

Supply Systems to Handle and Deliver High-Tonnage Biomass Feedstocks

Goal: Design and demonstrate a high productivity system to harvest, process, and transport woody biomass from southern pine plantations

Impacts:

- By eliminating steps in feedstock harvesting and transport, this project saves money by reducing:
 - Machine time
 - Labor costs
 - Costs for fuel to operate the machinery and associated reductions in GHG emissions
- Harvesting in fewer operations means:
 - Potential for less contamination of harvested biomass by soil
 - Less machine travel on the field, which limits soil compaction and helps to maintain soil health, minimize soil erosion, and improve water quality



Tracked Feller Buncher with High-Speed Harvester Head

The extendable harvesting arm, high-speed shear head, and tracked mode of movement of Auburn University's feller buncher allow it to harvest several trees by simply swinging the cutter head from one position to the next without driving up to each one individually.



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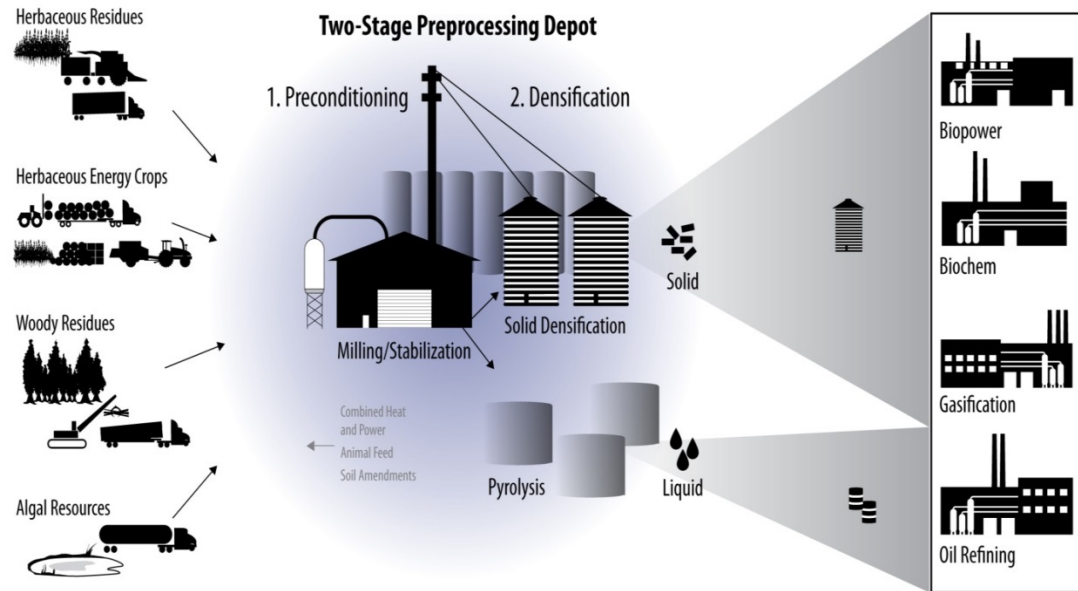
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PINE TREES

Feedstock Supply and Logistics – Future Activities

Objective: *Transform raw biomass into high-density, stable, commodity feedstocks*

Priorities for next 5-10 years

- Identify and validate markets in which logistics can establish a competitive position vs. the current supply and demand
- Enhance the performance of the logistics equipment to efficiently handle different types of regional biomass
- Test and validate at-scale
- Enable national biomass utilization



Advanced logistics work for FY16

- Actively manage feedstock variability and supply uncertainty: downselect to working blends meeting cost, quality, and convertibility targets
- Scale-up: Advanced logistics projects; PDU

Advanced Algal Systems – Program Goals

- **Strategic Goal:** *Develop algae production and logistics technologies that, if scaled-up and deployed, could support the production of **5 billion gallons per year of sustainable, reliable, and affordable** algae-based advanced biofuels by 2030*
- **Performance Goal:**
 - By **2022**, demonstrate technologies to produce **sustainable** algal biofuel intermediate feedstocks that **perform reliably** in conversion processes to yield renewable diesel, jet, and gasoline fuels in support of BETO's **\$3/GGE** advanced biofuels goal



Getting lab scale work outdoors at increasing scales

Advanced Algal Systems – Accomplishments

Consortium for Algal Biofuels Commercialization (CAB-Comm)

- **Goal:** Increasing biomass productivity and creating advanced biotechnology tools to enable the biofuel and bio-product industries
- **Research Areas:**
 - Crop Protection
 - Nutrient Utilization and Recycling
 - Genetic Tool Development
- **DOE Funding:** \$11 million from 2011-2015
- **Impacts:**
 - EPA approved successful outdoor genetically modified (GM) algae test, which paves way for future commercial release.
 - Co-products are now in development with commercial partners.

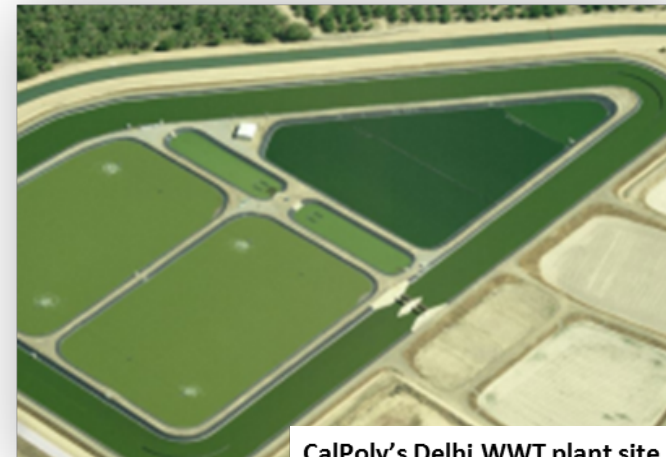
Scale-up of Algal Biofuel Production Using Waste Nutrients

- **Goal:** Use **wastewaters** as a source of nutrients and water, and CO₂ derived from the combustion of biogas (from **anaerobic digestion** of biomass residues) or from **catalytic hydrothermal gasification**
- **DOE Funding:** \$1,480,883
- **Impacts:**
 - Establishment of CalPoly's Delhi Field Site (9,000 L system with continuous automated process controls and harvest equipment at Delhi, CA WWT facility for the ABY project)



Unique Co-product: Surfboards from Algae

These sustainable “surfboards of the future” are made of algal oil, provided by Energy Department-funded and California-based biotech firm Solazyme. The oil is converted to polyols by UCSD chemists and then sent to the surfboard manufacturer Arctic Foam to shape the foam boards and coat them with fiberglass and a renewable plant-based resin.

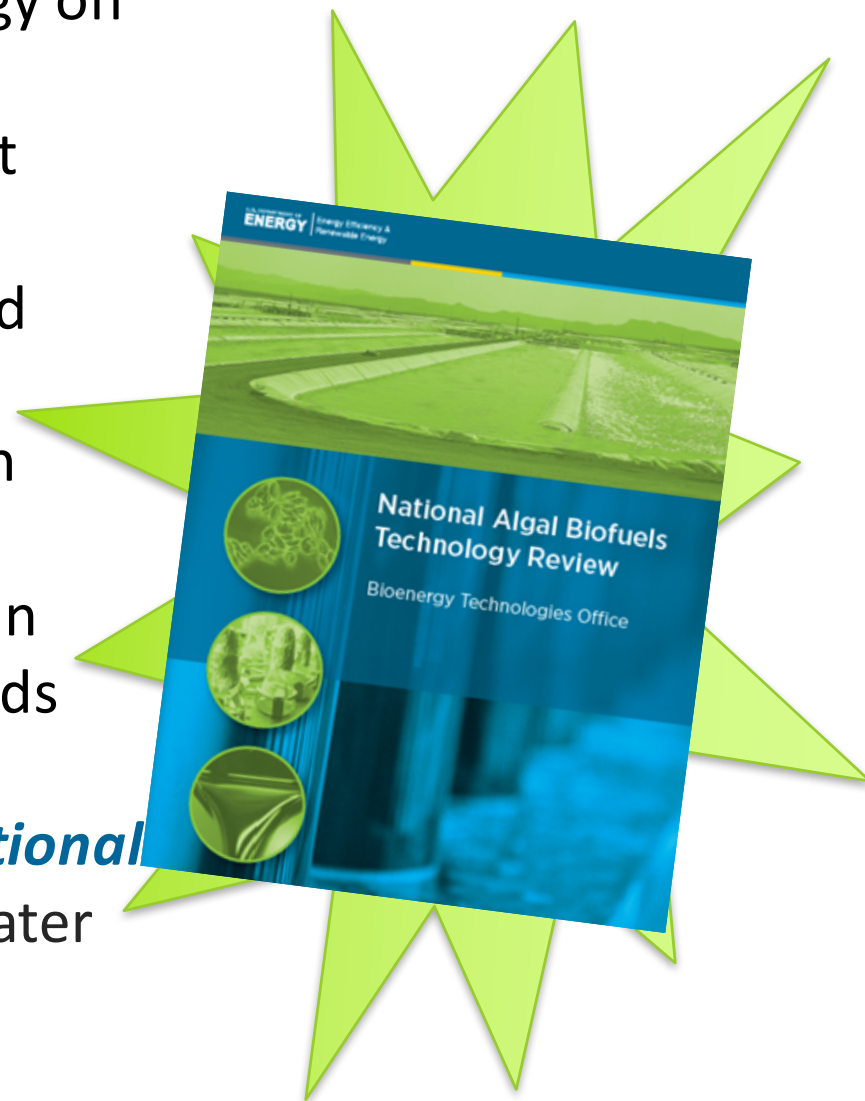


CalPoly's Delhi WWT plant site

Advanced Algal Systems – Future Activities

- Coordinate with DOE Fossil Energy on **carbon utilization** activities
- Incorporate **co-products** into cost targets
- Identify key technical barriers and priorities around **algal biology**
- Initiate next phase of research on **yield improvement** through selections of the Advancements in Algal Biomass Yield Phase 2 awards

BETO will be releasing our **2016 National Algal Biofuels Technology Review** later this month!



Incorporating Sustainability

Climate Change and Air Quality



Analyzing biofuel pathways to quantify progress towards reducing [lifecycle greenhouse gases, regulated emissions, and fossil energy use](#).

Soil Quality



[Developing strategies and tools](#) for producing biomass feedstocks while maintaining or enhancing soil quality.

Land Use and Productivity



Advancing landscape design approaches that increase biomass production while maintaining or enhancing ecosystem services and food, feed, and fiber production.

Water Quantity and Quality



Assessing the [water resource use and water quality](#) of bioenergy production, and investigating opportunities for bioenergy crops [to improve water quality](#).

Biological Diversity



Investigating relationships between [bioenergy crops and biodiversity](#), and engaging with diverse experts to understand and promote practices that conserve wildlife and biodiversity.

Efforts also include evaluating [sustainability indicators](#) across the bioenergy supply chain, contributing to [global scientific dialogues](#) on bioenergy sustainability, and engaging with [international organizations](#) to understand and promote more sustainable outcomes.

Funding Opportunity Announcement: Integrated Biorefineries

Project Development for Pilot- and Demonstration-Scale Manufacturing of Biofuels, Bioproducts, and Biopower

- Up to **\$90 million** in funding for projects focused on designing, constructing, and operating **integrated biorefinery facilities** that manufacture **biofuels, bioproducts, or biopower**. The FOA seeks applications for projects to first design (Phase 1), and then construct and operate IBR facilities (Phase 2).

Topic Areas:

- Pilot-scale production** of biofuels from **high-impact cellulosic, algal, or biogas feedstocks**. Minimum feedstock throughput is **1 dry metric ton (DMT) per day** or equivalent of algal biomass or biogas.
- Demonstration-scale production** of biofuels from **high-impact cellulosic, algal, or biogas feedstocks**. Minimum feedstock throughput must be **50 DMT per day** or equivalent of algal biomass or biogas.
- Production of biopower or biofuels** from **biosolids** and other allowable **wet-waste feedstocks**. Minimum feedstock throughput must be **1 DMT per day**.

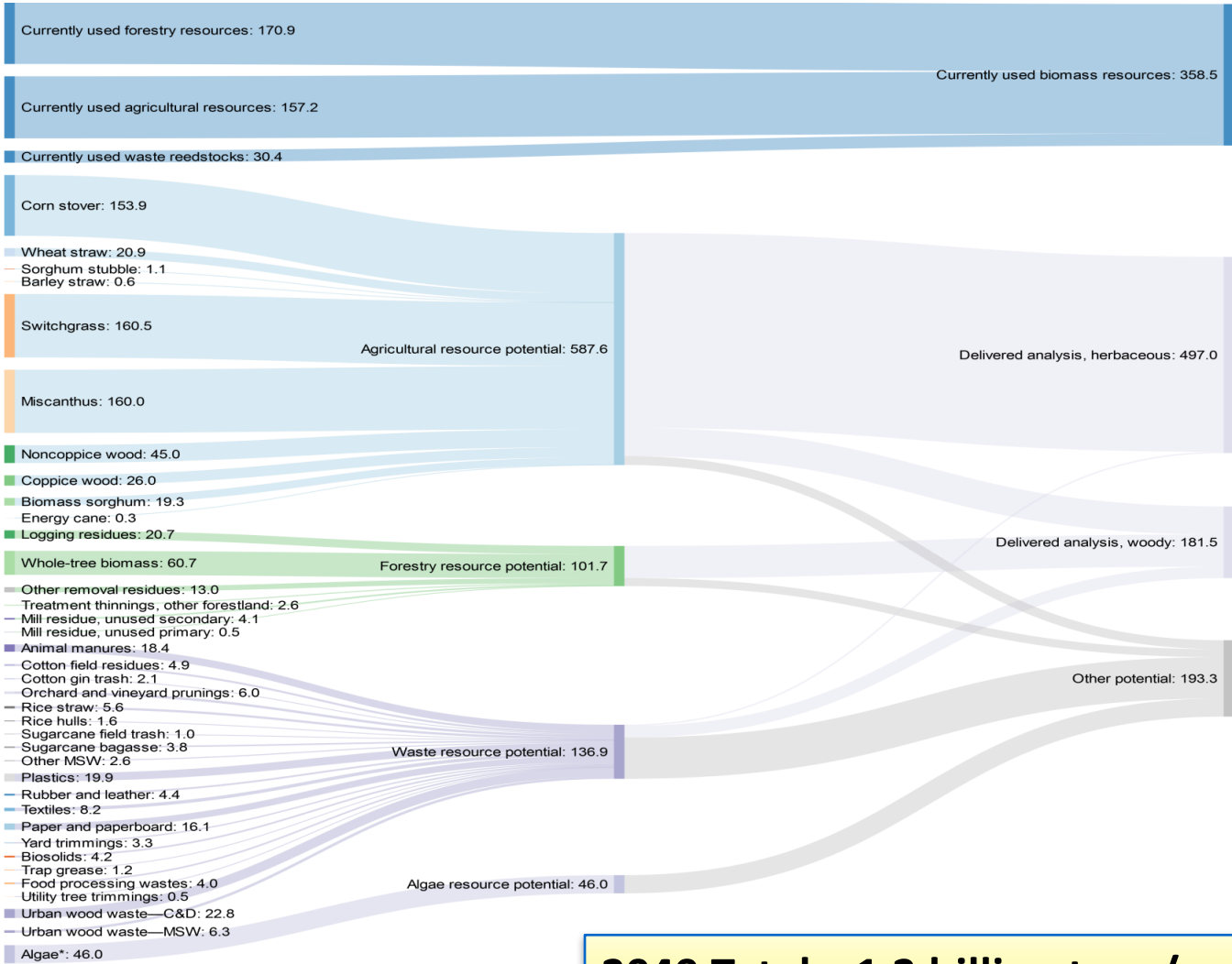
- Concept Paper Submission Deadline: **6/6/2016 5:00 PM ET**
- Full Application Submission Deadline: **7/22/2016 5:00 PM ET**
- All inquiries must be submitted to PB2B3@ee.doe.gov

2016 Billion-Ton Report



2016 BILLION-TON REPORT
Advancing Domestic Resources
for a Thriving Bioeconomy

Sankey Diagram
of All Resources
up to \$60/dry ton
in Executive
Summary of
Billion Ton Update
2016



Volume I to be Released July 2016

2040 Total = 1.2 billion tons/year

Bioenergy 2016 and Sustainable Transportation Summit

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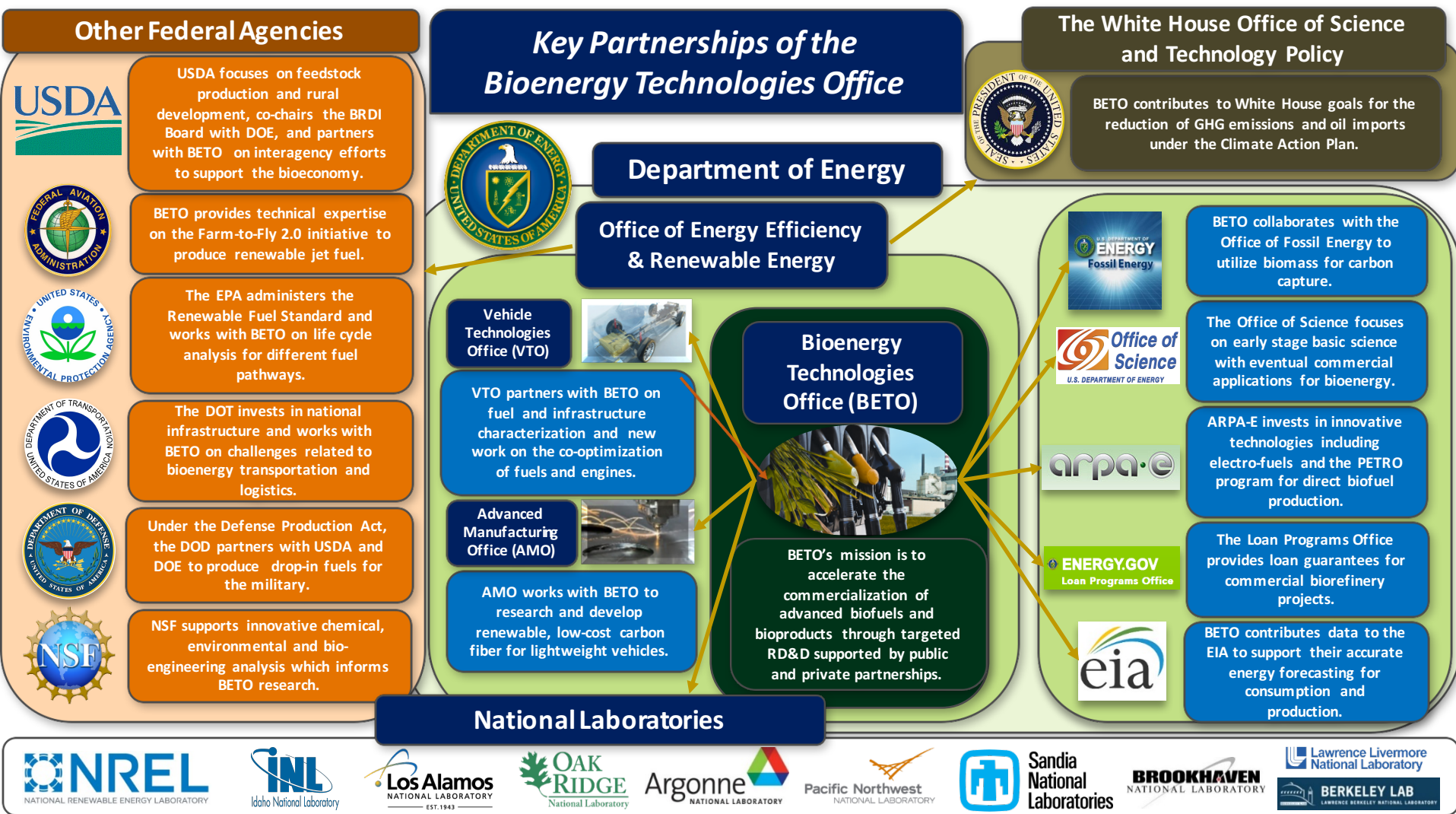
Project Partners



BETO works with partners in industry, universities, and the National Labs

Appendices

Inter-Agency Collaboration



BETO partners with other DOE Offices, other Federal agencies, and the national labs to achieve U.S. goals on bioenergy

Bioenergy Administration Goals

National Energy Goals
&
Climate Action Plan

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Net Oil Imports

50% by 2020

GHG Emissions

26-28% by 2025
>80% by 2050

BETO Performance Goal:
Hydrocarbon Biofuel
Production

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\$3/GGE by 2017

50% GHG
reduction vs.
petroleum fuel

BETO Performance Goal:
Hydrocarbon Pathway
Validation

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Two Additional
Pathways by 2022

Pilot or Demo Scale
(>1 ton/day)

What is the Bioeconomy?

“The biological sciences are adding value to a host of products and services, producing what some have labelled the “bioeconomy.” From a broad economic perspective, the bioeconomy refers to the set of economic activities relating to the invention, development, production and use of biological products and processes.”

OECD: The Bioeconomy to 2030: Designing a Policy Agenda, 2009

“A bioeconomy is one based on the use of research and innovation in the biological sciences to create economic activity and public benefit.”

White House Bioeconomy Blueprint, 2012

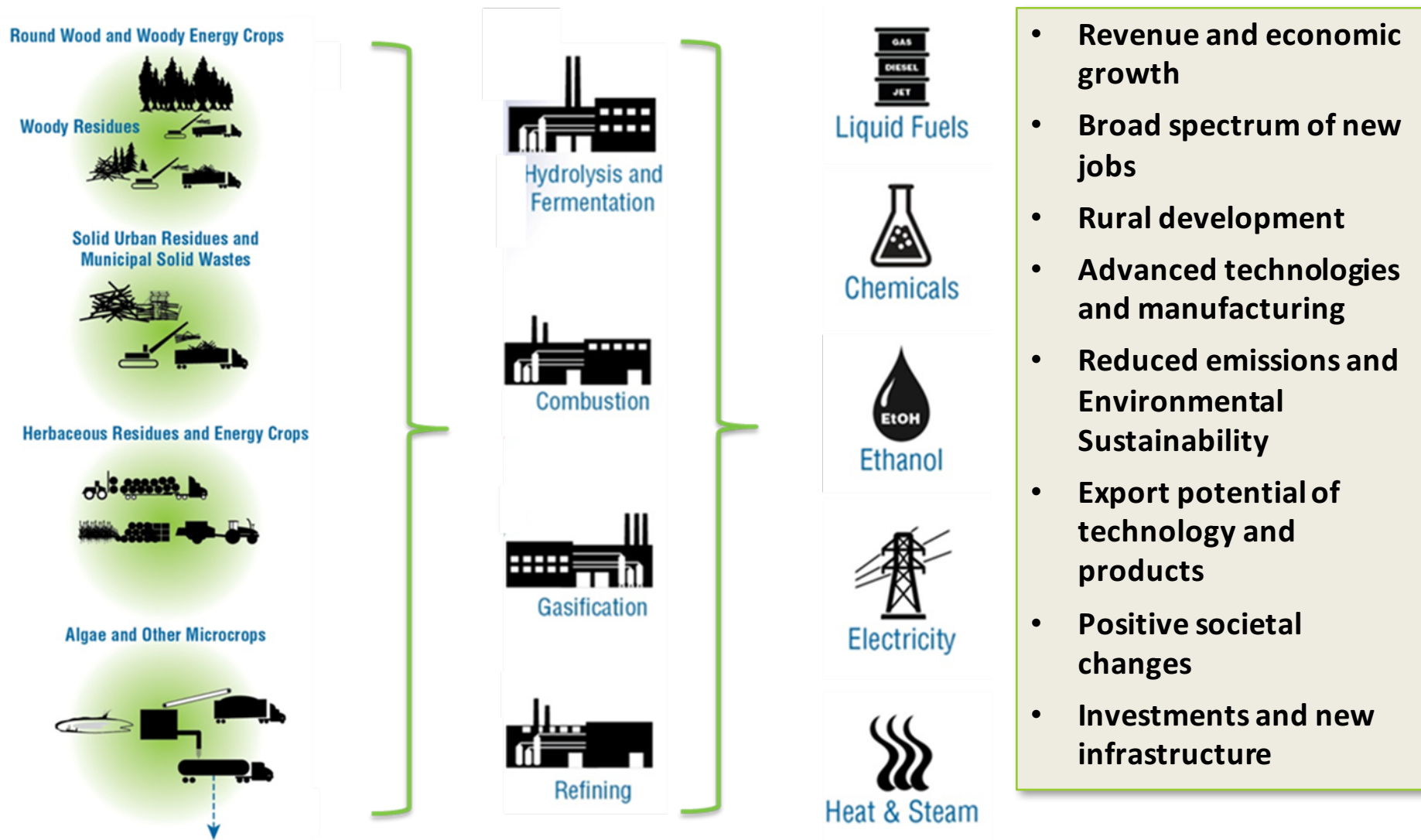
“The U.S. is a world leader in technology and agricultural prowess, which puts it in a powerful position to capitalize on the vast potential of bio-based alternatives to petrochemicals. The potential markets are huge, given the importance of petrochemicals in industrial economies.”

Unleashing the Power of the Bio-economy, 2013

For the purpose of this presentation, the “bioeconomy” is defined “the global industrial transition of sustainably utilizing renewable aquatic and terrestrial biomass resources in energy, intermediate, and final products for economic, environmental, social, and national security benefits.”

-- From 2014 Report: Why Biobased? Opportunities in the Emerging Bioeconomy: Why BioPreferred

The Bioeconomy Concept



Bioproducts: From Niche to Necessity

- Bioproducts can replace petroleum-based chemicals and products
- Provide much higher value-added margins, relative to transportation fuels
- Bioproducts could be early adopter markets
- Chemicals/products represent **16%** of petroleum consumption and **\$812B** in market value
- Fuels represent **76%** of petroleum consumption, and **\$935B** in market value



1,3 Propanediol



Succinic acid

Hexamethylenediamine



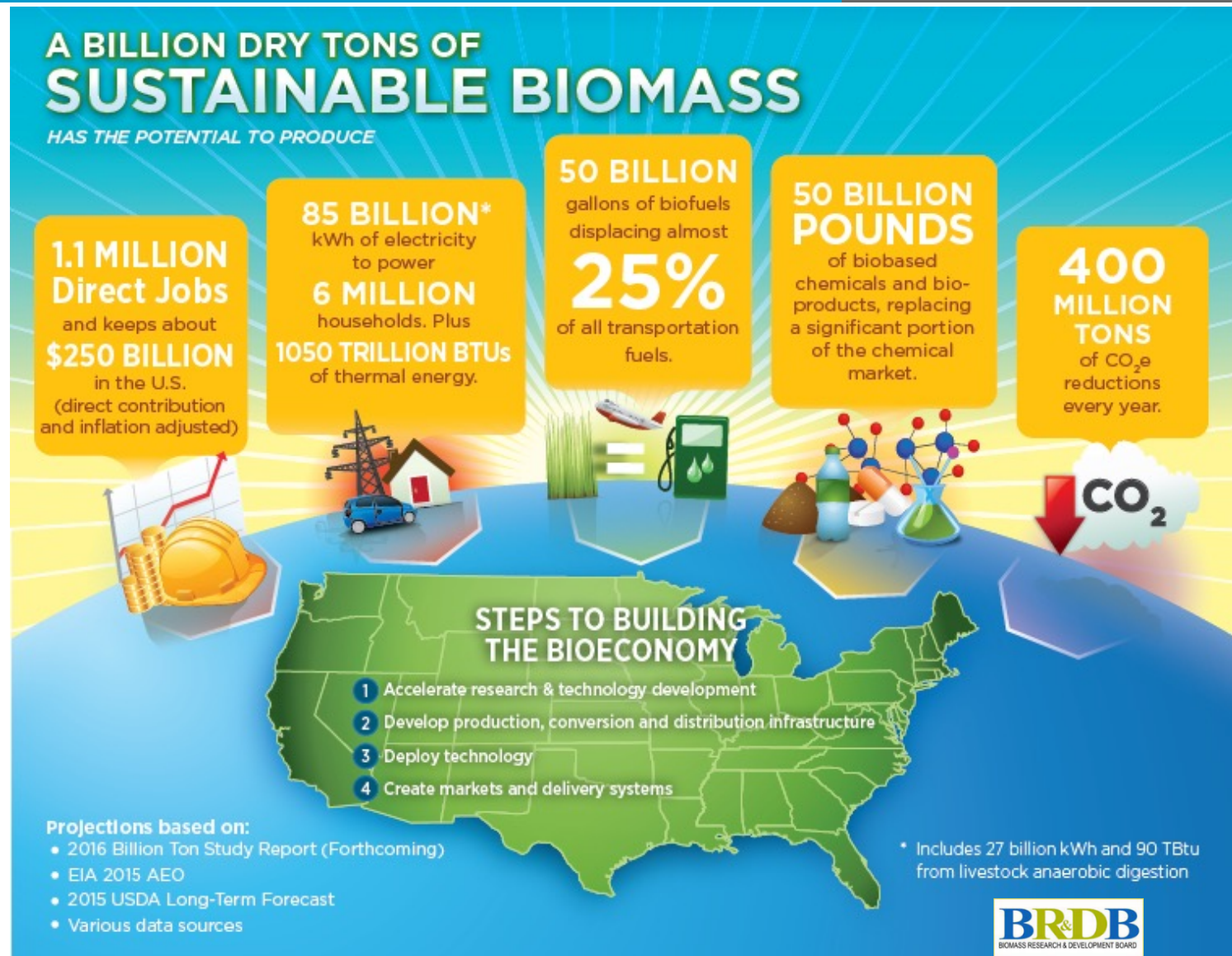
1,4-Butanediol



Butadiene

Bioproducts can enhance the economics of biofuel production

Potential Impacts of a Billion Ton Bioeconomy

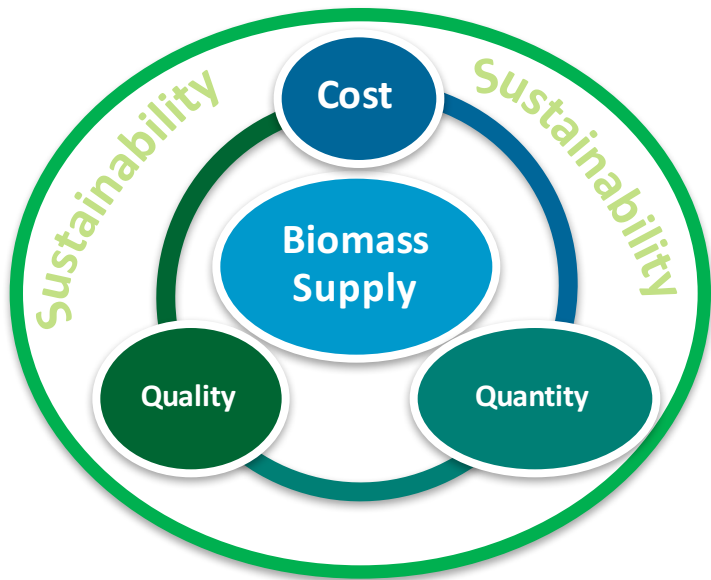


1 billion tons of biomass could be sustainably produced in the U.S.

Feedstock Supply and Logistics

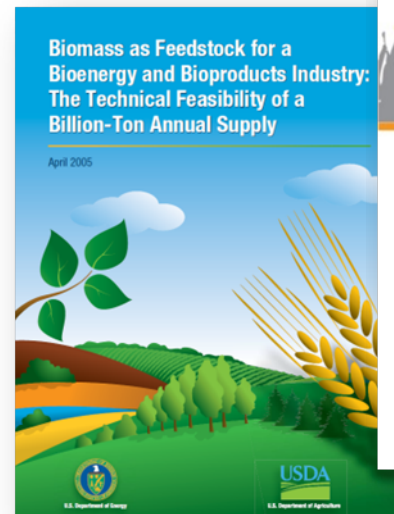
Focus

- Fully integrate feedstocks into supply chain (multiple interfaces)
- Reform raw biomass into high-quality feedstocks
- Use innovative technologies to ensure sustainable supply and reduce costs
- Reduce risks to enable industry expansion



Approaches

- Use basic and applied science to understand, model, and manage
- Provide nationally, but solve locally
- Meet environmental performance targets and goals while assuring sustainability
- Work with stakeholders and partners



Overcoming Demonstration and Market Transformation Challenges

Integrated Biorefineries

Validating performance at integrated pilot, demonstration, and pioneer scales is essential to de-risk technology and enable financing that will catalyze the transition to large-scale renewable fuel production.

Infrastructure and End Use

In addition to the significant risks involved with scaling-up new biorefinery technology, other market barriers related to infrastructure and end use also limit advanced biofuel production. Efforts in this area focus on enabling higher rates of renewable fuel usage in current markets while addressing barriers for expansion into new markets.

Feedstocks

Efforts to improve the supply and logistics system are essential for commercial operations. These activities span both terrestrial and algal feedstock systems to identify areas for improvement in feedstock supply and logistics systems and in the development of advanced feedstock logistics systems.

Technology Interface

These activities help identify (1) times when technologies are ready for piloting and scale-up, (2) entirely new feedstock logistics systems or conversion technologies, or (3) improvements to a smaller set of unit operations.

Analysis and Sustainability

Both project-specific and portfolio-wide evaluations assess progress toward objectives and sharpen the focus of DMT strategies on the areas with the highest potential impact to the industry.

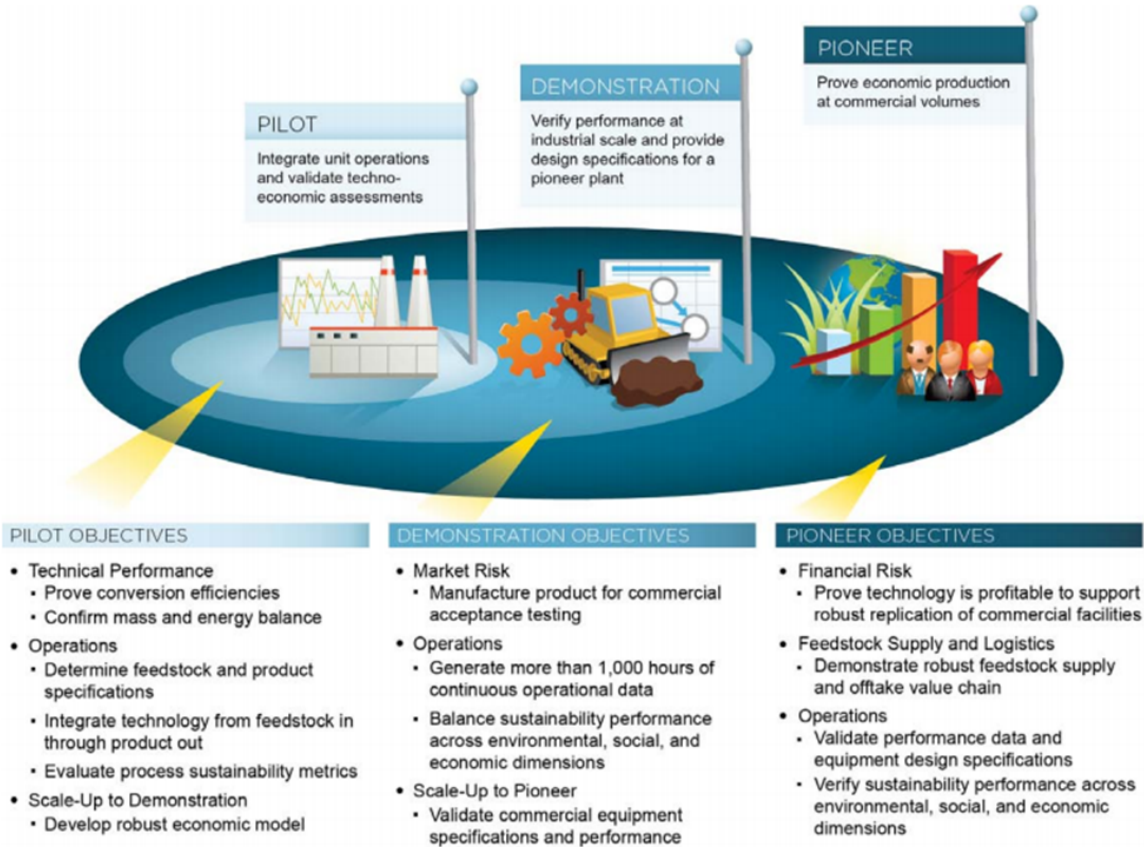


Figure 2-31: Description of key objectives at each integrated biorefinery scale

Funding Opportunity Announcements

Incubator 2

- Up to **\$10 million** in funding to **advance the production of advanced biofuels**, substitutes for petroleum-based feedstocks, and **bioproducts** made from renewable, **non-food-based biomass**, such as algae, agricultural residues, and woody biomass.
- **Goal:** To make **drop-in biofuels** more **accessible** and **affordable** and meet the **cost target equivalent of \$3 per gallon of gasoline by 2022.**
- **Closing Date:** November 13, 2015



Projects Selected:

- **Arizona State University:** Engineer cyanobacteria for the production of ethyl laurate
- **Arizona State University:** Will develop mixotrophic algae which can consume CO₂ and cellulosic sugars, and significantly improve algal biomass growth
- **Duke University:** Will enable a dramatic reduction in costs for commercial-scale biorefineries through “dynamic metabolic control”
- **Lygos, Inc.:** Will develop microbial catalysts to convert renewable cellulosic sugars into higher-value commodity and specialty chemicals.
- **White Dog Labs:** Will develop new metabolic pathways in microorganisms so that they can concurrently consume a cellulosic sugar feedstock and CO₂, thus limiting the amount of CO₂ released from the process
- **LanzaTech, Inc.:** Work on technology to enable manufacturing of the high-value industrial chemical building block, acetone, via biomass-derived syngas

Integrated Biorefinery Tiger Team

- Since 2006, BETO has been substantially involved in the development of first-of-a-kind integrated biorefinery projects.
- The BETO Demonstration and Market Transformation (DMT) program created the Integrated Biorefinery (IBR) Tiger Team to understand lessons learned and key stakeholder issues and to inform how BETO can provide the support to the industry.
- Site visits and in-person tours were conducted at the following facilities:
 - Abengoa Bioenergy Biomass of Kansas in Hugoton, KS on February 25-26, 2016
 - INEOS in Vero Beach, FL on March 8, 2016
 - POET-DSM in Emmetsburg, IA on March 15, 2016
 - DuPont in Nevada, IA on March 17, 2016

Prominent Feedstock Issues Identified by the Tiger Team

- Use of equipment that was originally designed for different feedstock types (grain, pulpwood chips, etc.)
- Insufficient piloting of feedstock handling or pretreatment equipment using the actual feedstock
- Lack of understanding of feedstock characteristics (viz. bulk density, angle of repose, effect of moisture, abrasiveness, regional soil composition, inert materials and ash content, etc.) and their effect on equipment and conversion processes
- Inability to produce and maintain a consistent particle size distribution that allow for optimized operations
- Inadequate removal of dirt and rock from the feedstock leading to equipment erosion, breakage, and fouling
- Process interruption due feedstock bridging, bird-nesting, binding or plugging;
- Creation of fines and/or the inability to remove fines resulting in yield loss, inhibitor creation, and fouling
- Need for improvements in feedstock logistics (collection methods, moving bales, clean storage of bales, fire detection/suppression, etc.)

Industry Feed Handling Challenges

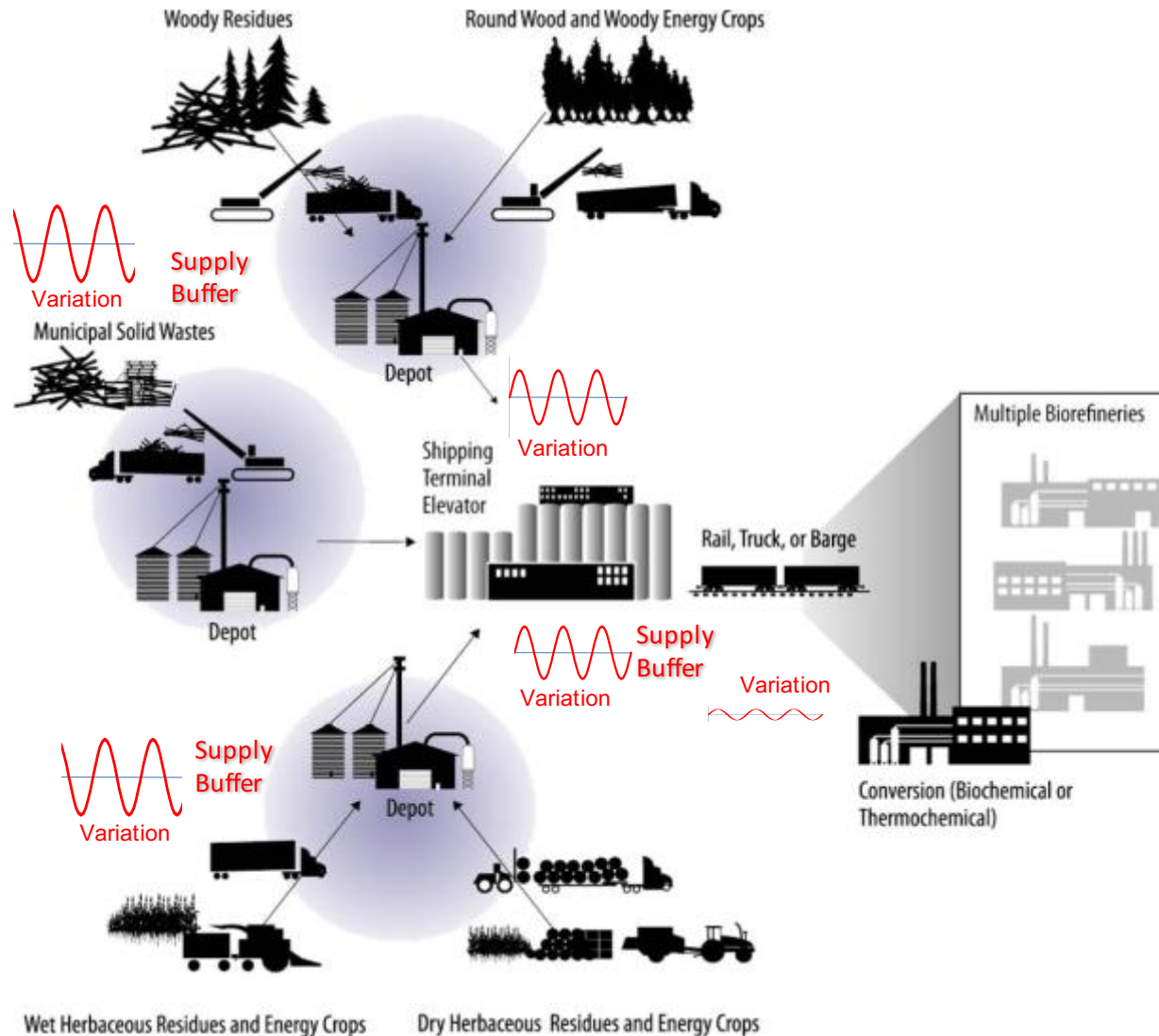
- Moisture
 - Grinder throughput
 - Particle size variability
 - Variation causes inconsistent mass and heat transfer in conversion
- Particle Size
 - Large particles (aka pin chips)
 - Cause plugging problems in bins, augers
 - Do not fully cook – plugging in downstream equipment, microbial contamination
 - Fine particles
 - High in ash
 - Dust-fire, explosion, and health hazards
 - Plugging of weep holes in digesters
 - Buffering capacity, increase chemical usage
 - Variation causes inconsistent mass and heat transfer in conversion
- Foreign material (dirt, metal)
 - Plugging, equipment wear

How Has the Biofuels Industry Responded?

- Two choices given the lack of theoretical understanding of particle processes
 - Duplicate existing designs & technology
 - Pilot plant experience
- Investigation of today's demonstration and commercial cellulosic ethanol plants will show
 - Though they piloted their conversion technology, the integrated feed processing and handling was not piloted
 - Most (if not all) have attempted to duplicate existing designs
 - Most probably conducted vendor testing as a substitute for piloting



Decoupling Feed Processing from Conversion



- Wide-spread, interconnected supply network
- Stable, flowable, consistent, and **conversion-ready** feedstocks
- Reduced feedstock variability in quantity, quality, cost

Decoupling does not solve the feed handling problem, but it does reduce conversion plant downtime.

Request for Information (RFI) – Biomass Supply Systems

Revolutionary Biomass Supply Systems Supporting a Billion Ton Bioeconomy Vision

- **Duration:** June 8 – June 30, 2016
- **Audience:** Industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders
- **Purpose:** Identify information about current high-technology operations, improved equipment and processes, as well as barriers and solutions associated with the collection/harvest, storage, preprocessing, and transportation of increasing volumes of biomass
- **Categories:**
 1. Preprocessing Technologies
 2. Quality Management
 3. Strategies for Mobilizing a Billion Tons of Biomass

Funding Opportunity Announcements

MEGABio: Bioproducts to Enable Biofuels

- **\$11.3 million** in funding to **develop flexible biomass-to-hydrocarbon biofuels** conversion pathways that can be modified to produce advanced fuels and/or products based on external factors, such as market demand.
- **Goal: Meet the 2022 cost target of \$3/gasoline gallon equivalent (gge)** for the production of renewable hydrocarbon fuels from lignocellulosic biomass and other types.
- **Closing Date:** April 15, 2016

Stakeholder feedback on bioproducts solicited in a July 2015 workshop. Workshop report can be found [here](#) or on the BETO website under Information Resources -> Publications.



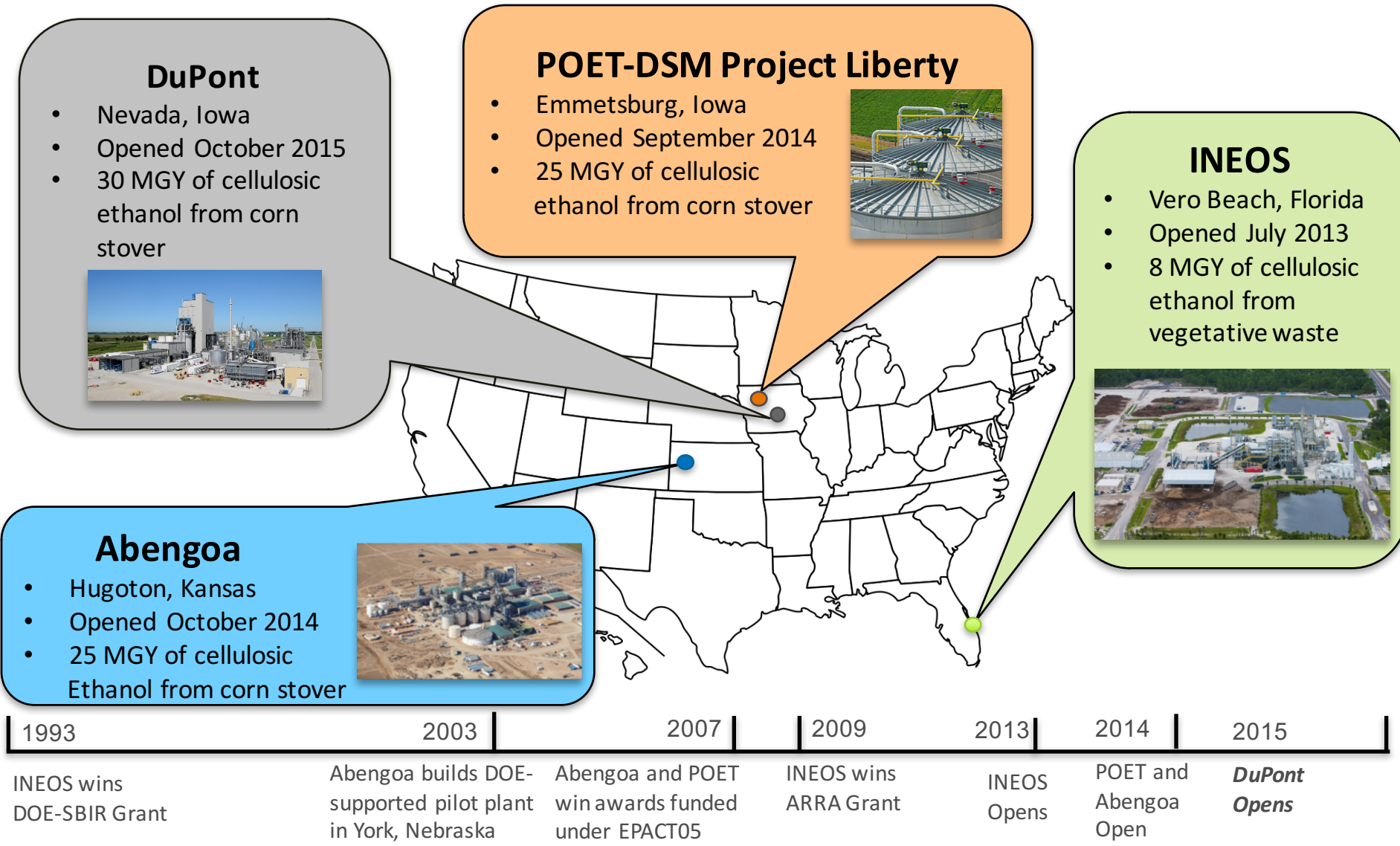
Funding Opportunity Announcements

Advancements in Algal Biomass Yield Phase II (ABY2)

- Up to **\$15 million** in funding to **develop technologies** that are likely to succeed in **producing 3,700 gallons of algal biofuel intermediate** (or equivalent dry weight basis) **per acre per year** (gal/acre/yr.) on an annualized average basis (not peak or projected) through multiple batch campaigns or on a semi-continuous or continuous basis, in an outdoor test environment.
- **Goal:** Achieve **3,700 gallons of algal biofuel per acre by 2020.**
- **Closing Date:** March 25, 2016



DOE-Supported Cellulosic Ethanol Biorefineries









After decades of DOE partnerships, 4 commercial scale biorefineries have begun production

Defense Production Act (DPA) Initiative

In September 2014, 3 projects were selected under the DPA Initiative to build commercial biorefineries to produce:

- Drop-in fuels for military applications
- Domestic fuels from non-food biomass feedstocks
- Cost-competitive biofuels (w/o subsidies)

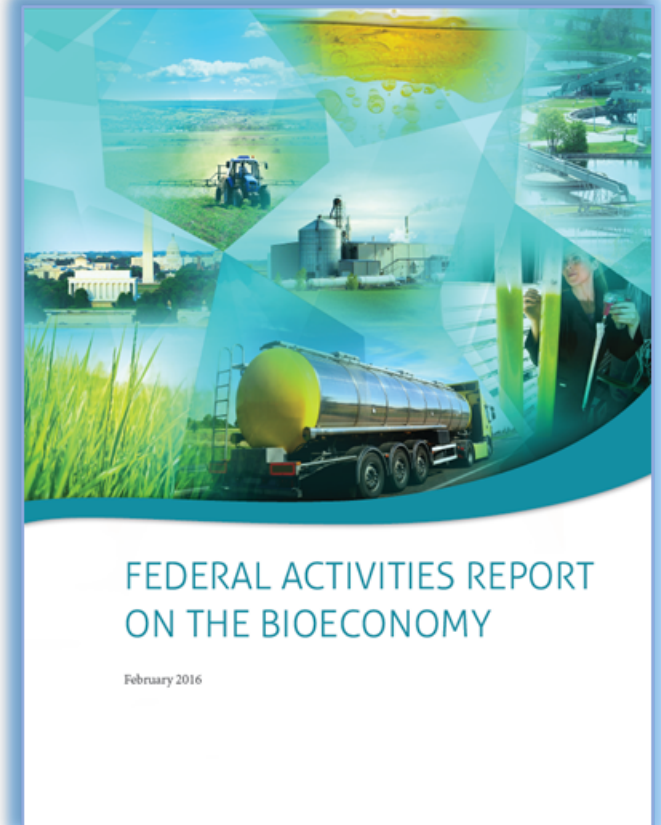


Company	Location	Feedstock	Capacity	Groundbreaking	Off-Take Agreements
	Gulf Coast	Fats and Greases	82 MM g/y	TBA	TBD
	McCarran, NV	MSW	10 MM g/y	Spring of 2016	 
	Lakeview, OR	Woody Biomass	12 MM g/y	TBA	

Interagency initiative to produce more than 100 MM g/y of advanced biofuels

Federal Activities Report on the Bioeconomy

- On February 18th, the Biomass R&D Board released the [Federal Activities Report on the Bioeconomy](#) (FARB).
- This report aims to educate the public on the wide-ranging, federally funded activities that are helping to bolster the bioeconomy.
- The FARB details a vision for a Billion Ton Bioeconomy—tripling the size of today’s bioeconomy by 2030.
- Achieving this vision would provide economic, environmental, and social benefits, including a considerable reduction in GHG emissions.
- The FARB has been promoted through USDA and DOE blogs and social media, and has been picked up by leading bioenergy digests and websites including Biofuels Digest, Renewable Energy World, and Bioenergy Industrial Organization.



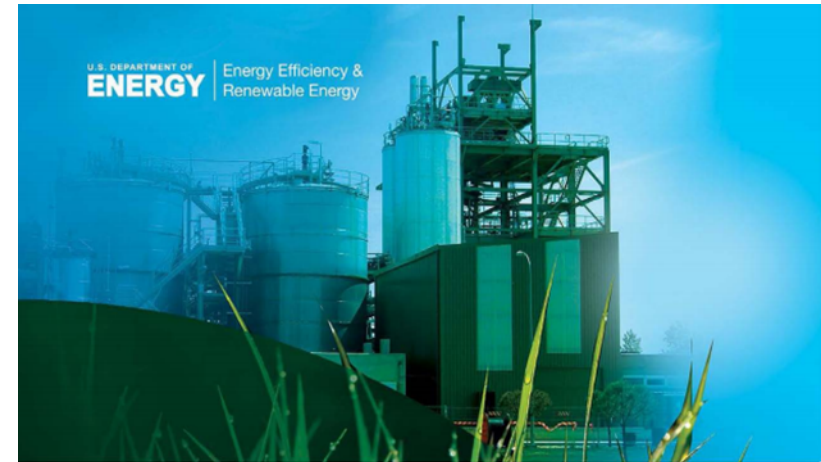
Multi Year Program Plan (MYPP) March 2016 Update

Key Changes:

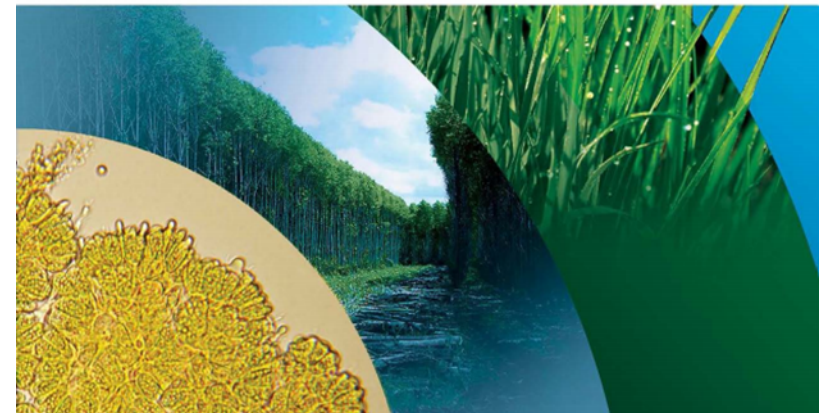
- ✓ Revised BETO vision and mission
- ✓ Added Algae Farm design case
- ✓ Added new IBR strategy & related analysis results
- ✓ Added and updated program milestones
- ✓ Updated costs to 2014\$

**The MYPP 2016 Update is
available at:**

energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/03/f30/mypp_beto_march2016_2.pdf

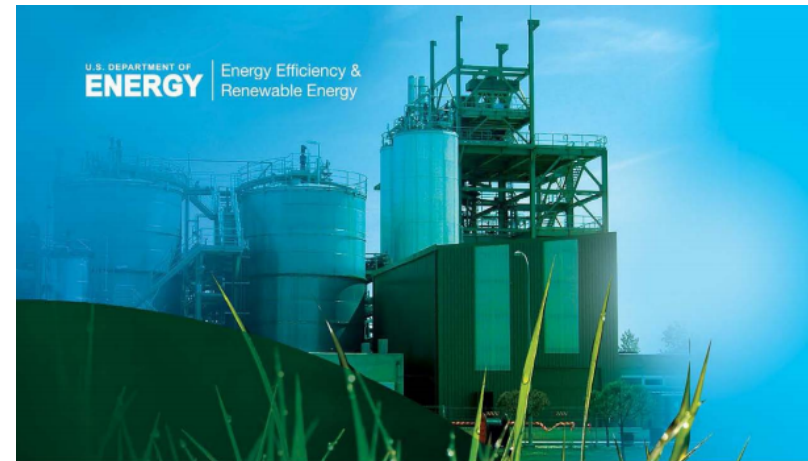


BIOENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE
Multi-Year Program Plan
March 2016



Purpose of Multi Year Program Plan (MYPP)

- Articulate BETO's mission and goals to internal and external stakeholders
- Provide budget request justification
 - Explain how pieces fit together and build to long term goals
- Operational guide
 - To help the Office manage and coordinate its activities
- 5-10 year planning horizon (2022 goals and beyond)
 - Office goals
 - Technology Area/Program Plans
 - Integrated across programs
 - Regularly updated using change control

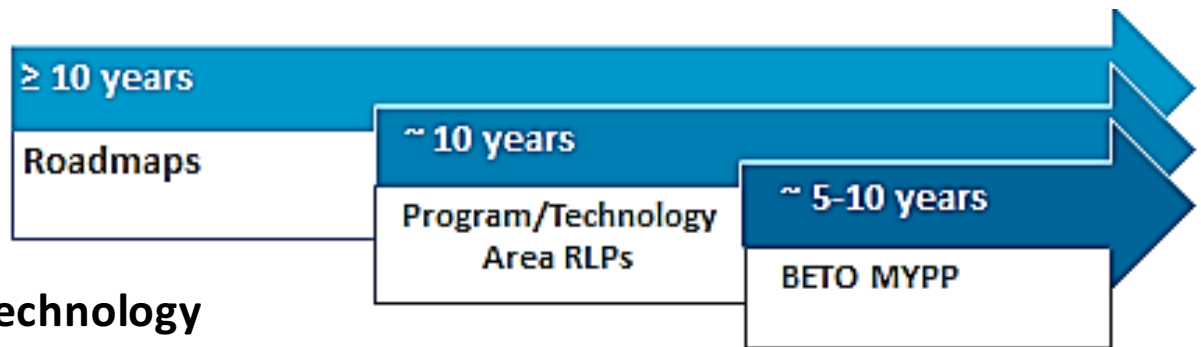
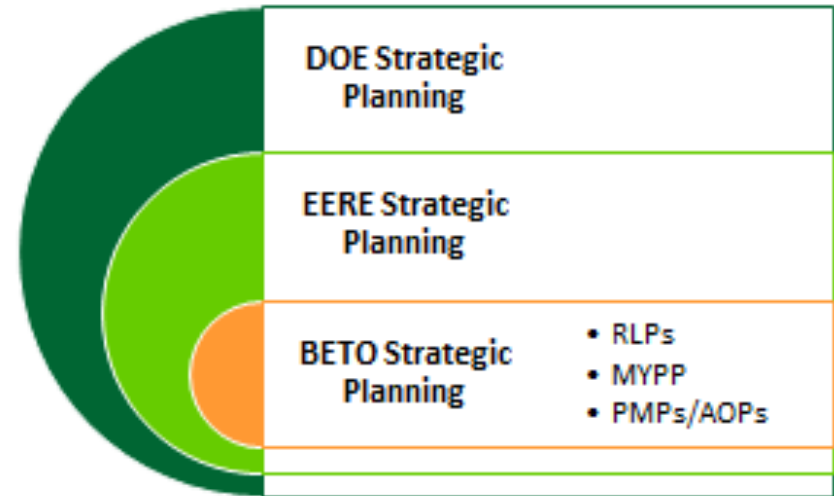


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BETO Strategic Planning – Overview

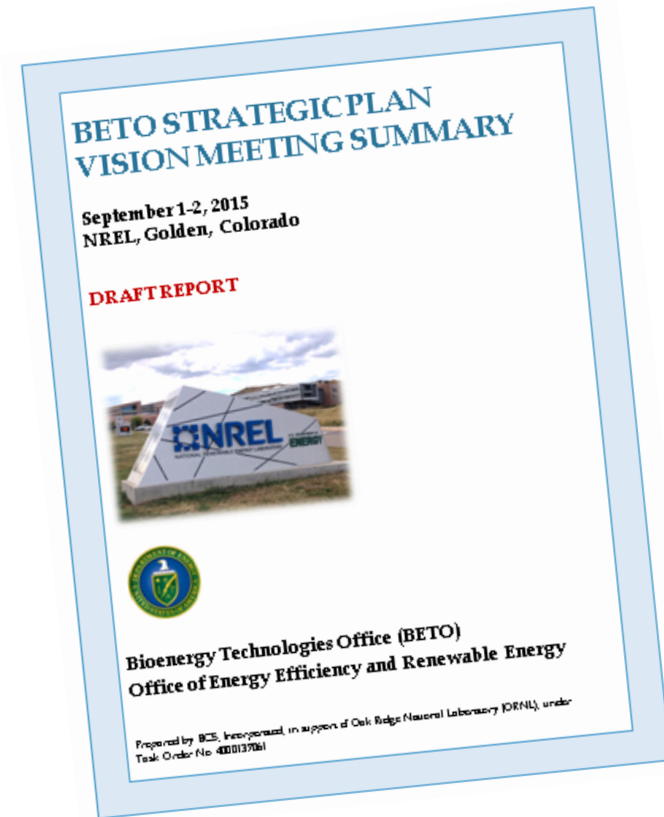
- **Continuous process**
- **Provides framework**
 - Alignment with EERE/DOE/Federal goals
 - Interactions with stakeholders
 - Inter- and intra-office collaborations/discussions across technology areas
 - Alignment of Office activities from project level to multi-year goal horizons
- **Purpose**
 - Align objectives and activities across multiple stakeholders and interests
 - Document goals, current state of technology, and strategic plans
 - Inform budget processes
 - Track progress
 - Integrate learning
- **Based on best practices for technology R&D planning and systems engineering**



BETO Strategic Plan

Strategic Planning in Process

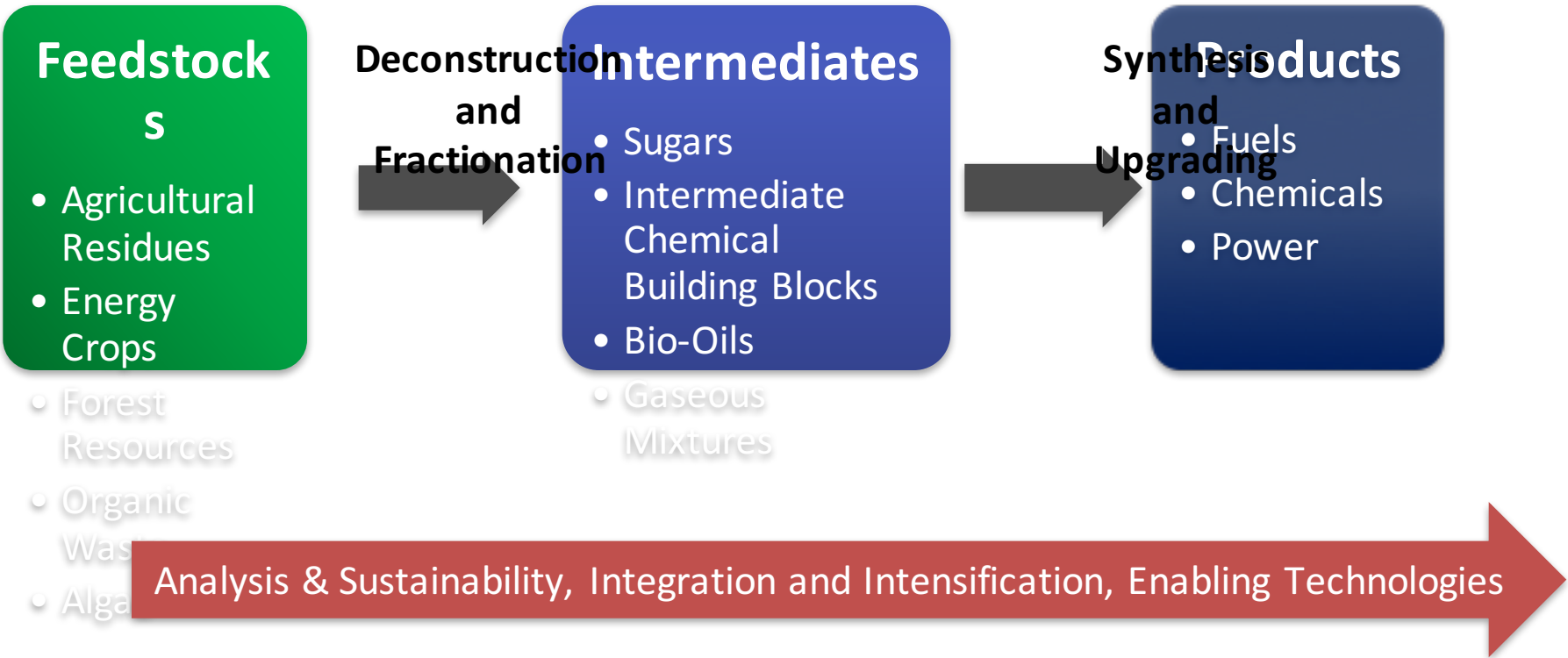
- Numerous focus group meetings held March – October 2015
- Visioning Meeting held September 1-2 in Golden, Colorado to outline new vision and mission statements
- Produced a draft Visioning Report to outline boundaries, visioning process, and SWOT analysis
- Strategic Goal Setting Meeting held December 8, in Arlington, VA, with BETO and external stakeholders to establish objectives and goals
- Now, taking this input and crafting the framework for the draft Strategic Plan report.



BETO Strategic Plan Linkages



Overview of Conversion Research & Development



Strategic Goal: Develop commercially viable technologies for converting biomass feedstocks via biological and chemical routes into energy-dense, fungible, finished liquid transportation fuels such as renewable gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as bioproducts or chemical intermediates and biopower.

FY15 DOE BRDI Selections

- **Announced on May 9, 2016 by Dr. Danielson; with total DOE funding of \$3M**
- **DOE Selections**
 - **The Ohio State University (OSU)** – The OSU project is titled “Biomass Gasification for Chemicals Production Using Chemical Looping Techniques.” OSU proposes to develop the biomass to syngas (BTS) chemical looping process for efficient production of value-added chemicals and liquid fuels from biomass. This BTS process is expected to deliver high quality syngas from biomass in a single step, with a potential to reduce capital costs for syngas production by 44% compared to conventional processes.
 - **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** – The MIT project is titled “Improving Tolerance of Yeast to Lignocellulose-derived Feedstocks and Products.” The primary goal of this research is to enhance production of cellulosic ethanol by improving tolerance towards three common inhibitors during cellulosic ethanol production. This same tolerance mechanism is expected to also enhance production of products beyond ethanol, such as monoethylene glycol, an important precursor material used in the production of bottling, fabrics, and anti-freeze.

FY15 USDA BRDI Selections

Feedstock Development

North Carolina Biotechnology Center	Mid-Atlantic Biomass Sorghum Collaborative to Optimize Agronomic Production and Grower Profitability
University of Montana	Forest Bioenergy and Biofuels Integration: Sustainability, Energy Balance, and Emissions from Forest Restoration in the Southern Rocky Mountains

Biofuels and Biobased Products Development

Dartmouth College	Cotreatment of Low-Cost Fermentation of Cellulosic Biomass
University of California-Riverside	Integrated Biorefinery to Produce Ethanol, High Value Polymers, and Chemicals from Lignocellulosic Biomass

Biofuels and Biobased Products Development Analysis

SUNY-ESF	Development of Stochastic Techno-Economic and Life Cycle Models for Quantifying the Economic and Environmental Costs of Cellulosic Bioenergy Pathways
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FY16 Release 2 Phase I SBIR/STTR BETO Selections

Design and Fabrication of Solids Handling for Biomass Conversion Systems	
Altex Technologies Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA	Innovative Feeding System (IFS) for Biomass
Shockwave, LLC, Des Moines, IA	Fractionation and Dehydration of Existing Feedstock for Biomass and Biopower Production
Liquefaction of Wet Organic Waste Streams using Sub- and Supercritical Fluids	
CF Technologies, Inc., Hyde Park, MA	Supercritical transesterification of brown grease to produce biodiesel
Dynaflow, Inc., Jessup, MD	Enhanced Subcritical Water Extraction of Biomass From Wet Organic Wastes using Hydrodynamic Cavitation
Mainstream Eng. Corp, Rockledge, FL	Hydrothermal Liquefaction of Food Waste to Produce Biocrude
Co-utilization of CO ₂ and CH ₄ to Produce Biofuel and Bioproduct Precursors	
Microvi Biotech Inc., Hayward, CA	Consortium-Based Conversion of CO ₂ and CH ₄ from Biogas into Butyric Acid
MOgene Green Chemicals, Saint Louis, MO	Engineered Methanotrophs to Convert CO ₂ and CH ₄ from Biogas into Bioproducts
Nexceris, LLC. Lewis Center, OH	Thermochemical Conversion of CO ₂ and CH ₄ from Biogas to Liquid Fuels Using Superior Catalysts