



Transition to a Bio-Economy

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The President's State of the Union

Address 2007

"Tonight, I ask Congress to join me in pursuing a great goal. Let us build on the work we've done and reduce gasoline usage in the United States by 20 percent in the next 10 years."





The President's State of the Union Address



Current and Projected Motor Gasoline Market

Motor gasoline consumption 140 billion gallons/year in 2005

Motor gasoline consumption 161 billion gallons/year by 2017 according to Energy Information Administration (AEO2007, reference oil price case)

20 in 10:

Increase supply of renewable and alternative fuels

The goal is to produce 35 billion gallons per year of <u>alternative fuels</u> by 2017 – reducing motor gasoline consumption by 15%

Increase vehicle efficiency

Reform and modernize CAFÉ to achieve additional 5% reduction in motor gasoline consumption

Program Response:

Develop cost-competitive cellulosic ethanol conversion technologies via two platforms

- Biochemical platform cellulose destruction and fermentation of the component sugars to ethanol
- Thermochemical platform gasification to syngas and conversion to mixed alcohols and ethanol
- Through public/private partnerships Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 932 solicitations

How Do We Achieve These Goals?

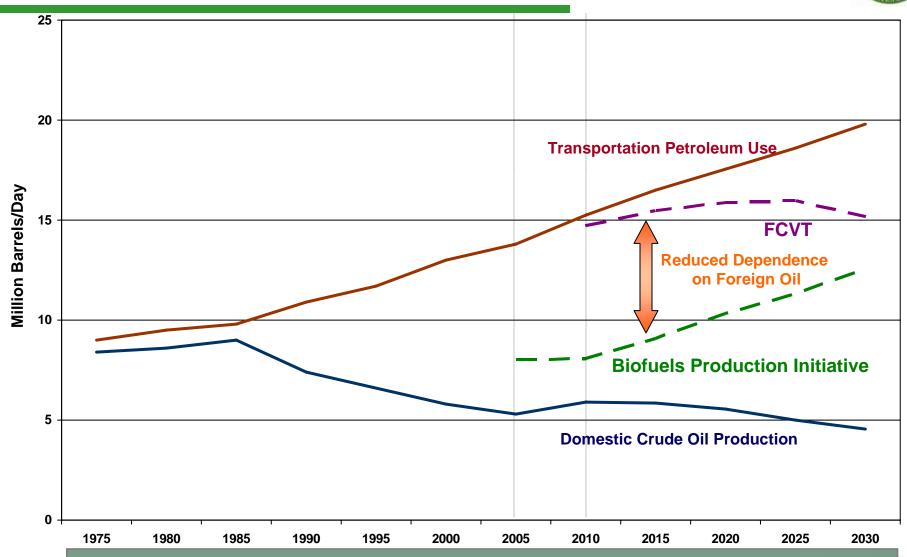


Three-pronged approach • Effective R&D program • Leverage financial community R&D/ Technology • Supportive policies DOE **Biomass** Program Market/Capital Policy Investments



Biofuels Production and Vehicle Efficiency



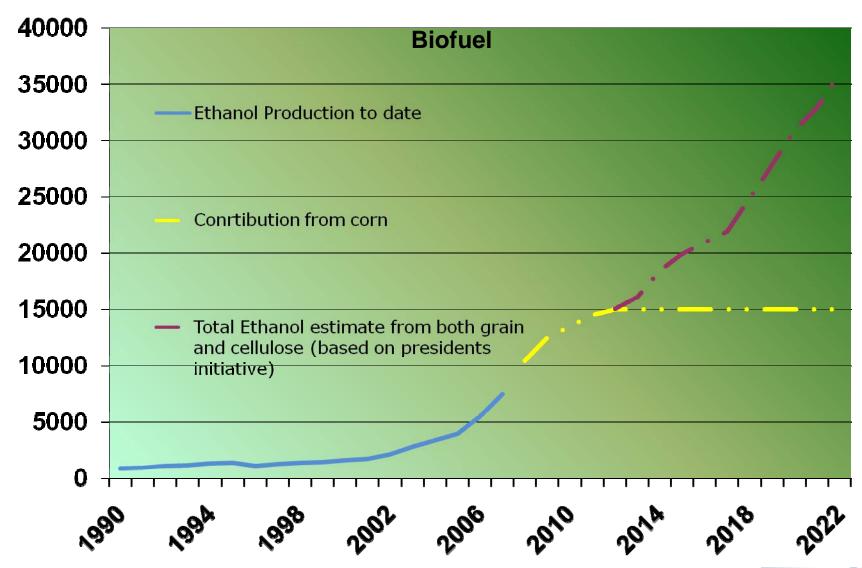


The combination of increased vehicle efficiency and biofuels production will result in reduced dependence on foreign oil imports.

U.S. Biofuels Production

(Million Gallons/Year)







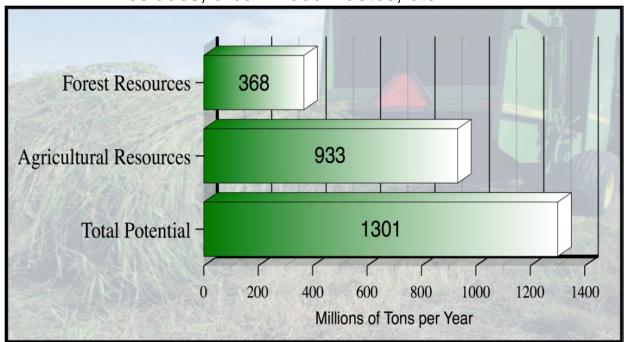
Conversion of Available Feedstocks

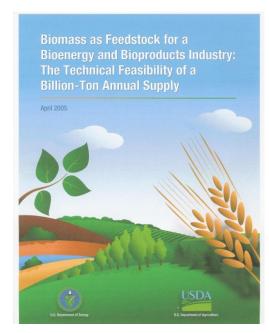


- "Billion Ton" study indicates that enough biomass is potentially available to displace > 30% of current U.S. petroleum consumption
- But it requires variety of biomass types
 - Agricultural lands
 - Corn stover, wheat straw, soybean residue, manure, switchgrass, poplar/willow energy crops, etc.
 - Forest lands

Forest thinnings, fuelwoods, logging residues, wood processing and paper mill

residues, urban wood wastes, etc.







Biofuels Sources



Today (2008)

Grain Crops (Corn)



~7.5 billion gallons



2022

Grain Crops
 (Corn, Milo, Barley,
 Wheat, etc.)

Corn Fiber

Switchgrass

Corn Stover

Agricultural Residues

Forestry Residues

~15 billion gallons

~21 billion gallons

~36 billion gallons



Two Major Paths to Success



Feedstock Production & Logistics

- Energy crops
- Residue harvesting

Integrated Biorefineries

Biochemical Conversion

- Enzymatic hydrolysis
- Lignin conversion

Thermochemical Conversion

- Pyrolysis
- Gasification

• Fuels

- Power
- Bio-products

Delivery Infrastructure

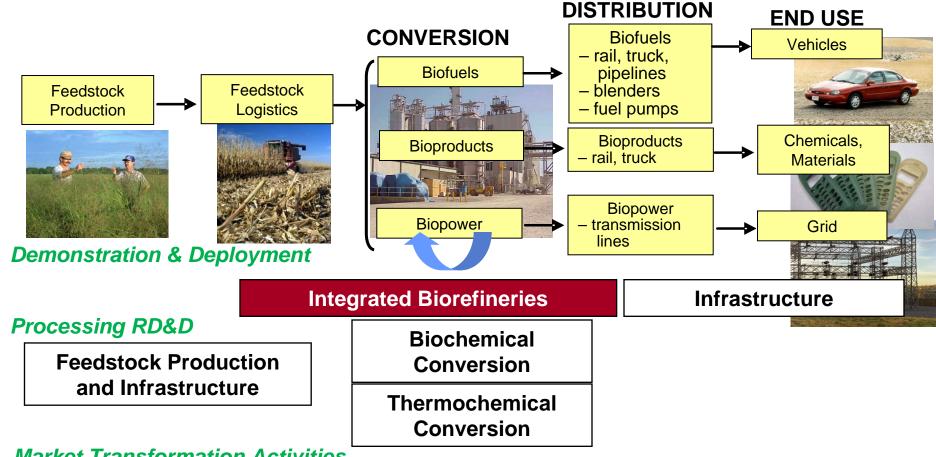
- Distribution vehicles (pipelines, tankers, etc.)
- Fueling stations
- Vehicles
- Codes and Standards
- Market Transformation Efforts (e.g., outreach, policy)

Success relies on simultaneous development of the supply, conversion, and demand infrastructures for cellulosic ethanol



Platform Supply Chain Biomass to End Use





Market Transformation Activities

Communications and Outreach, Partnerships (state, local and international)

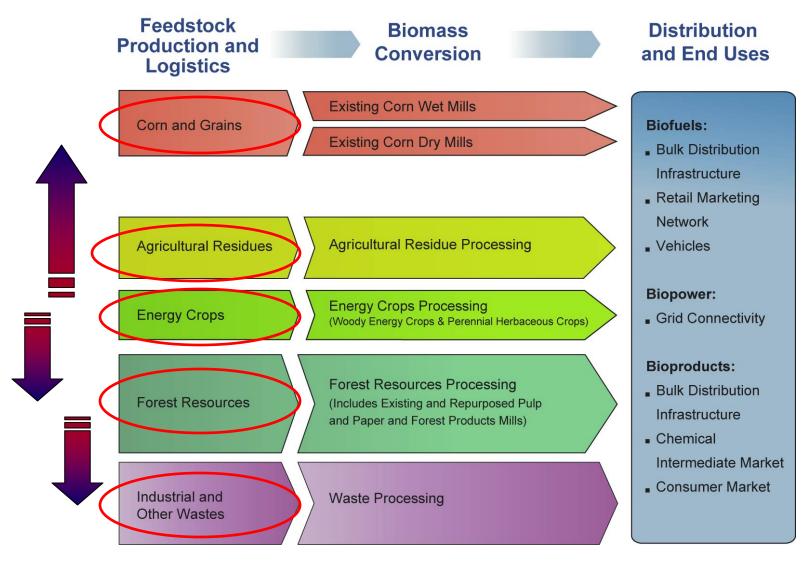
Program Management

Strategic Planning and Analysis



Platform Pathway Priorities







U.S. Biomass Resource Potentials



- Corn (largest volume grain and source of Ethanol in U.S.)
 - Potential to displace 25% + of our gasoline demand
- Over 1 billion tons/year of lignocellulosic biomass (trees, grasses, etc.) could be available in the U.S.
 - Long term potential to displace 50-70% of our gasoline demand (assuming continued research and advanced technology development)

Short-term: improve cost and efficiency of ethanol from corn (corn fiber conversion, biomass to fuel plant, develop potential of protein co-product)

Mid-term: add feedstock diversity to the existing infrastructure (corn stover, agricultural residues)

Long-term: focus on regionally available and sustainable lignocellulose (trees, grasses, & residues) in stand alone facilities



Regional Feedstock Partnerships Cornell University

Centers:

Oklahoma State Oregon State University South Dakota State University of Tennessee

Northeast

South Central

North Central

Southeast

Puerto Rico Virgin Islands

Facilitate the development of sustainable biomass resources to fulfill the President's Goals



Western

Getting Biofuels to "Significance" Involves...





Sustainability

Source: NREL



Bigger Rewards /Bigger Risk Need Better Practices



Selection

- Merit Review Committee
- Program selection factors

Environmental

- NEPA Compliance

Risk Assessment (Independent Project Analysis)

- Help projects identify best practices to minimize risk
- Are the right processes and procedures in place

Execution (Independent Engineer)

- Help identify technology, engineering, and construction risks
- Monitor progress



Cellulosic Biorefinery Investments



Recently announced competitive selections to provide up to \$385 million over four years for cost-shared integrated biorefineries in six states



- Abengoa Bioenergy Biomass of Kansas
 - ALICO, Inc.
 - BlueFire Ethanol, Inc.
 - Poet (formerly Broin Companies)
 - Iogen Biorefinery Partners, LLC
 - Range Fuels (formerly Kergy, Inc.)











Cellulosic Biorefinery Status

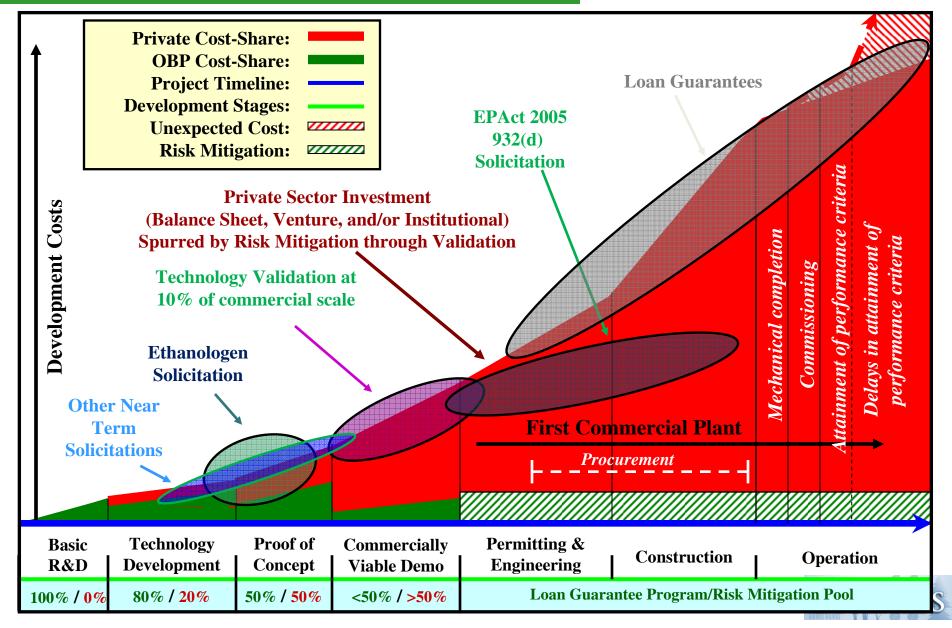


- Abengoa Bioenergy Biomass of Kansas
- 9/30/07 Phase 1 Cooperative Agreement Awarded (condition subsequent)
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 - 11/03/07 Phase 2 Technology Investment Agreement awarded
 - Alico, Inc.
 - Phase 1 Cooperative Agreement in negotiation
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 - Phase 1 Cooperative Agreement in negotiation



Deployment Barriers and Solutions





Current Solicitations



- <u>10% Demonstration Solicitation</u> "Demonstration of Integrated Biorefinery Operations for Producing Biofuels and Chemical/Materials Products", up to \$200 million over 5 years, 50/50 cost share, **Closed 8/14/07 Announcements Pending**
 - One-tenth of the projected scale of a first of its kind commercial facility
 - Integrated biorefinery demonstrations using cellulosic feedstocks and producing a combination of fuels, chemicals, and substitutes for petroleum-based feedstocks and products
- <u>Joint USDA/DOE Solicitation</u> \$18 million grants R&D of biomass-based products, fuels, and related processes, <u>Closed</u> 7/13/07 <u>Announcements Pending</u>
 Technologies to convert cellulosic biomass into intermediaries for biobased fuels (45%)
 - Product diversification (30%)
 - Feedstock production (20%)
 - Analysis for strategic guidance (5%)
- <u>Thermochemical Conversion Solicitation</u>: \$7.75 million grants over 4 years, 30% phase 1, 40% phase 2 non-federal cost share, **Closed 8/13/07 Announcements Pending**
 - Biomass synthesis gas to liquid fuels validation
- Enzyme Solicitation: Closed: 10/30/07 Announcements Pending
 - Second phase of cellulase development with cost-sharing industry partners
 - Create commercially available, highly effective & inexpensive enzyme systems for biomass hydrolysis



FY08 Planned Solicitations



Feedstocks Interface R&D:

 Directed Procurement to Land Grant Universities through the Regional Feedstock Partnerships ~ \$4 million

Biochemical Platform R&D:

- University Call 1.5 M
- Pretreatment Reactor Design Solicitation up to \$16 million over three years. This solicitation
 will support the design of pretreatment processing equipment aimed at reducing the capital
 costs by 25% The research and development will develop equipment designs that would be
 tested at pilot scale and improve commercial scale viability.

Thermochemical Platform R&D:

- University Call \$1M
- Pyrolysis oils to fuels A total of \$5M over 3 years. This will request applications to develop technology; and design, construct, and validate processes for production, upgrading and conversion of biomass pyrolysis oils to fungible hydrocarbons (liquid transportation fuels).

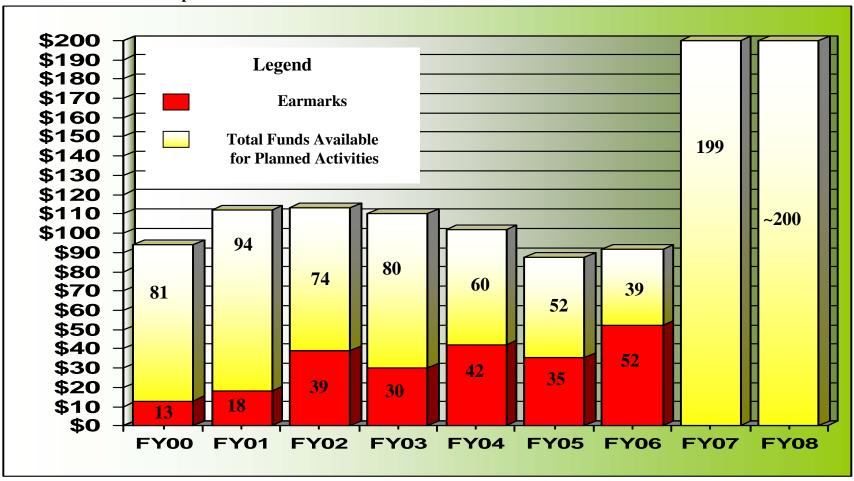
Biomass Research and Development Initiative

USDA- DOE Joint Solicitation - to be determined

DOE Biomass Program Funding



Millions of Dollars per Year



- FY07 CR reflects plus up to support the Advanced Energy Initiative and EPAct 2005
- FY08 and out year request support increased activities as prescribed in 20 in 10 goal



Thank You



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