



### **BioPreferred Designated Fertilizer Applied to Whitten Lawn**

WASHINGTON, September 10, 2008 – In keeping with USDA’s sustainable operations philosophy, Assistant Secretary Boyd Rutherford announced today that Bio Green, a company committed to conservation and proper environmental management, applied biobased fertilizer on the west half of the Whitten Building lawn.

“USDA is leading by example. The BioPreferred program promotes biobased products to federal and commercial markets and USDA is using BioPreferred solutions -- like Bio Green’s biobased fertilizer -- whenever feasible,” said Assistant Secretary Boyd Rutherford.

According to Bio Green, their fertilizer is, in whole, a biological based product made from renewable domestic plant and marine materials. Bio Green corrects soil deficiencies by replenishing Carbon to the soil. By using a carbon based liquid product and only applying a rate of 1/4oz of Nitrogen per 1000 square feet (industry standard is 1lb per 1000 feet), Bio Green allows the microbial activity of the soil do the work.

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