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Biomass Initiative FY 2007

Solicitation Update

- *Summary:*
 - *676 Preapplications reviewed by Merit Review Committee*
 - *153 Invited to file full application*
 - *144 Applications were received*
 - * *Topic Area 1 – Feedstock Production (45)*
 - * *Topic Area 2 – Overcoming Recalcitrance of Cellulosic Biomass (36)*
 - * *Topic Area 3 – Product Diversification (46)*
 - * *Topic Area 4 – Analysis Providing Strategic Guidance (17)*

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Solicitation Update – (Continuation)

- Full Application Merit Review
 - January 8, 2008
 - Golden, CO
 - 30 Merit Review Participants
- Evaluation Criteria

<u>Criterion Title</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1. Technical Relevance and merit	40 %
2. Technical Approval /Work Plan	25 %
3. Energy Efficiency /Displacement, Rural Economic Development and Environment Benefits	20 %
4. Technical, Management and Facility Capabilities	15 %

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Solicitation Update – (Continuation)

- Results of Merit Review

- 33 Projects Advanced to Selected Stage

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Amount Available</u>
* Topic Area 1	(6)	(\$ 5.8M)	(\$ 3.4M)
* Topic Area 2	(12)	(\$11.2M)	(\$ 7.7M)
* Topic Area 3	(9)	(\$ 7.7M)	(\$ 5.1M)
* Topic Area 4	(6)	(\$ 3.8M)	(\$.85M)
Totals	(33)	(\$28.5M)	(\$17.05M)

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- Discussion of 33 Meritorious Advanced Projects
- Award date – Early March

QUESTIONS



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