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Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your follow-up letter regarding the BioPreferred Program. The U.S. Department of Education supports this governmentwide initiative, and we encourage our acquisition workforce to increase the purchase and use of renewable, environmentally friendly bio-based products within the agency.

Our Senior Procurement Executive, Hugh Hurwitz, sent the enclosed memorandum to the Department's acquisition workforce emphasizing our strong commitment to the BioPreferred Program. This memorandum directs acquisition staff to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's BioPreferred Web site where information on training and resources on bio-based products can be obtained.

I hope this information is helpful. If your staff would like additional information, please have them contact Hugh Hurwitz at (202) 245-6555 or by e-mail at [hugh.hurwitz@ed.gov](mailto:hugh.hurwitz@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Arne Duncan

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