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*Biomass **R&D** Technical Advisory*

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Update from USDA

- *Farm Bill*
- *FY 2007 USDA – DOE Joint Biomass R&D Solicitation*
- *Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Activities*
- *Woody Biomass Utilization Group (BUG)*
- *Policy Gap Analysis Report*



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Farm Bill – Rural Development Title

- *Multi-Department Energy Grants Platform*
 - *Legislative language released – April 30, 2007*
 - *Amends Section 307 of Biomass R&D Act of 2000*
 - *Research and Development Grant*

Farm Bill – Rural Development Title

- *Multi-Department Energy Grants Platform (Continued)*
 - *Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Grant (Section 9006)*
 - *Mandatory Funding*
 - *\$15 million annually - R&D Grant Program*
 - *\$50 million annually - Section 9006*
 - *Focus on cellulosic ethanol - R&D Grant Program*



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Farm Bill – Rural Development Title

- *Multi-Department Energy Grants Platform (Continued)*
 - *Energy Loans*
 - *9006 Program – Direct/Guaranteed Loans*
 - *Cellulosic Ethanol Loan Guarantee*
 - *\$21 million annual mandatory funding for cellulosic ethanol loan guarantee*
 - *Intermediary Relending Program*



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Farm Bill – Energy Title

- *Reauthorization of Federal Procurement of Bio-based Products*
- *Bio-diesel Fuel Education Program*
- *Revitalization of Cellulosic Bio-energy Program*

FY 2007 USDA/DOE Joint Biomass R&D Solicitation

- *Publication Date Projection*
- *30 day review for pre-applications*
- *Peer Review Process*
- *45 day Application Review*
- *Funding Available*
 - *USDA - \$14 Million*
 - *DOE - \$4 Million*



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*USDA/DOE
Energy/Energy Efficiency Activity*

- *Energy Matrix*
- *Section 9006 – NOFA Published March 22, 2007*
- *Value-Added Producer Grant –NOSA Published April 16, 2007*



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