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Agency for International Development

Notice of Meeting: Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 13, 2012 at the National Press Club located at 529 14th St. NW., Washington, DC. The central theme of this year's meeting will center on the breadth of university partnerships in agricultural research and development with USAID and the future of those relationships.

Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair and Chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia, will preside over the meeting.

The public meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks by BIFAD Chair Brady Deaton. The Board will address both old and new business during this time and hear from USAID on the implementation of the agricultural research strategy. Two board members will discuss outcomes of recent research inception workshops on sustainable intensification, hosted by USAID in Ethiopia and Tanzania. Two other board members will then offer comments on their travel to and participation in events and planning meetings related to the USAID Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP). Time will then be allowed for public comment. The board will then break for closed lunch.

In the afternoon, the board will hear from Dr. Alex Dehgan, USAID Chief Scientist, on the Grand Challenges for Development initiative and the Higher Education Solutions Network Request for Assistance, in which academic institutions were invited to participate. Another opportunity will be allowed for public comment. The Board members

greatly benefit in hearing from the stakeholder community and others. To ensure that as many participants as possible have the opportunity to contribute to the morning's discussion, comments will be restricted to 3 minutes each for each commenter.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Susan Owens, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2.12-001, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0218.

Susan Owens,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Public Stakeholder Meeting: Match Making in the Biofuels Value Chain

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Economist, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is hosting a match making day at the USDA, to promote the necessary connections between agricultural producers of energy feedstocks (and their related businesses) with biorefiners seeking to produce biofuels for commercial sale and consumption. Officials from the U.S. Department of Navy, U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Department of Transportation will also be attending, making presentations and answering questions. The objectives of this match making session will be to improve awareness and increase understanding of the biofuels supply chain links between all those involved in feedstock production and the processors of that feedstock into biofuels. This includes logistical challenges, potential roles of ancillary service providers, and potential pitfalls and blindspots. At this meeting, federal officials will provide a short profile of each section of the supply chain and representatives from the participating

stakeholders will respond with short formal presentations that outline their experiences in that respective supply chain sector, barriers and lessons learned, and potential growth and opportunities. Short presentations will be made at the top of each hour followed by table discussions, at which a representative from each of the sectors of the biofuels supply chain should be seated, as well as one or more government officials.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 30, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees are requested to arrive by 9:30 a.m. in order to pass through USDA's security clearance.

ADDRESSES: Patio, United States Department of Agriculture Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to assure sufficient space and seating, prospective attendees are asked to register by sending an email to OSEC-RESupplyChain@osec.usda.gov: identify as the Subject "MARCH 30 REGISTRATION"; and include the following information:

Name of the Company:

Name and Title of Attendees:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Web site:

Please Describe Your Position on the Biofuels Production Value Chain: (feedstock seed developer or provider, feedstock grower or harvester, feedstock processor, feedstock transporter, feedstock storage provider, bio-refiner, feedstock machinery manufacturer/provider, other).

Signed in Washington, DC on March 19, 2012.

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