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Iowa Biodiesel Board Receives Support From All Iowa Plants *As a leader in the biodiesel industry, support will boost Iowa opportunities*

Urbandale, Iowa – February 18, 2008 – All 14 Iowa biodiesel plants in operation have joined the Iowa Biodiesel Board (IBB), a group that represents the biodiesel industry and promotes commercial success of the fuel in Iowa. Freedom Fuels, LLC in Mason City and Sioux Biochemical, Inc. in Sioux Center joined the other 12 plants as members last week.

“The magnitude of support is evidence of Iowa’s commitment to the biodiesel industry,” says Randy Olson, IBB executive director. “Whether you are a fleet manager, distributor, farmer or an investor in the industry, there is great potential for the future of biodiesel in Iowa.”

IBB Plant Members include:

- Ag Processing, Inc. (Sergeant Bluff)
- Cargill (Iowa Falls)
- Central Iowa Energy, LLC (Newton)
- Nova Biofuels Clinton County (Clinton)
- Freedom Fuels, LLC (Mason City)
- Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC (Washington)
- Renewable Energy Group, Inc. (Ralston)
- Riksch Bio Fuels, LLC (Crawfordsville)
- Sioux Biochemical, Inc. (Sioux Center)
- Soy Solutions (Milford)
- Tri-City Energy, LLC (Keokuk)
- Western Iowa Energy, LLC (Wall Lake)
- Western Dubuque Biodiesel, LLC (Farley)
- East Fork Biodiesel, LLC (Algona)

There are also two biodiesel plants under construction in Marcus and Galva. The membership extends beyond biodiesel plants to include the entire supply chain of fuel. Olson said he has seen a lot of interest from lowans who are looking for an environmentally-friendly fuel and biodiesel is the only alternative fuel that fully meets the Clean Air Act's health requirements.

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In early February, the University of Idaho and the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the energy balance of biodiesel has improved to 3.5-to-1, up from the previous 3.2-to-1 ratio. According to the study, for every unit of fossil energy needed to produce biodiesel over its lifecycle, the return is 3.5 units of energy.

Biodiesel is a four-season fuel that performs better than or equal to petroleum diesel. More than 220 retail locations in Iowa offer biodiesel. Consumers are expressing interest as well with nearly 70 percent of Iowa farmers using biodiesel.

The Iowa Biodiesel Board represents the biodiesel industry in Iowa, from production through distribution to end-users. The IBB promotes the commercial success of biodiesel in Iowa. For more information, visit www.iowabiodiesel.org.

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*** Editor's Note:** For a visual list of Iowa biodiesel plants and the annual capacity for each plant, please visit <http://www.iowabiodiesel.org/biodieselplants.html>.