

The U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture announced the availability of funding for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Sustainable Bioenergy program (*Catalog for Federal Domestic Assistance number: 10.310*). The purpose of this program is to support the development of regional systems for the sustainable production of bioenergy and biobased products that contribute significantly to reducing dependence on foreign oil, have net positive social, environmental, and rural economic impacts, and are compatible with existing agricultural systems. The long-term outcome for this program is to implement regional systems that materially deliver liquid transportation biofuels to help meet the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007 goal of 36 billion gallons/year of biofuels by 2022 and reduce the National dependence on foreign oil.

The application deadline is April 3, 2013

Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations and small businesses.

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