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“Farm to Fly” Connecticut

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Discussion Topics

1. Information about CCAT & State of Connecticut
2. USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Project in Connecticut
3. DLA Energy Alternative Fuels Program
4. Creating / Leveraging Opportunities via RBEG and DLA programs

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1. Information about CCAT

Not-for-profit economic development organization that combines expertise in cutting-edge technology with specialized centers of excellence in manufacturing, education, training, entrepreneurialism energy and alternative fuels.

Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Technologies in East Hartford, CT



1. Information about State of CT

Demand for:

- Jet Fuel, Diesel/Gasoline,
- Home Heating Oil
- Natural Gas (NG)

No Fossil Reserves

- Some NG pipelines;
- Pipeline expansion ongoing

Decent Solar Insolation

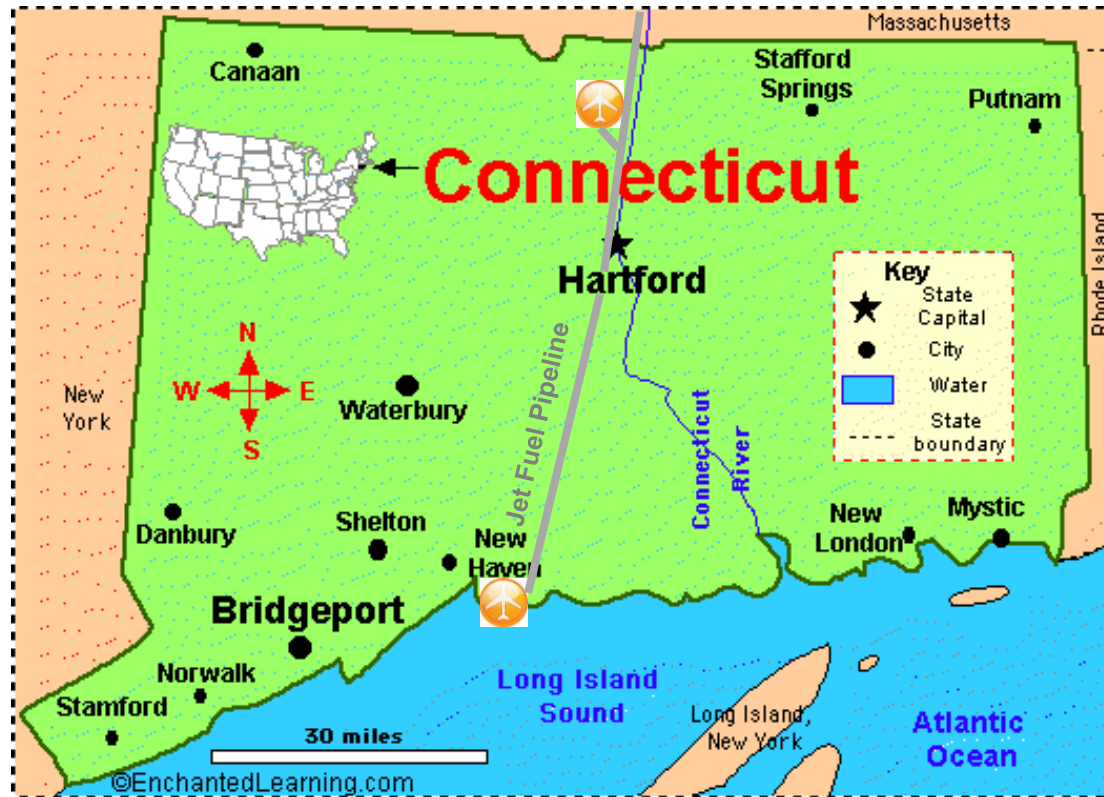
Limited Wind Resource

No Active Landfills

Nuclear Power

Significant Resources:

- Large, focused MSW supplies
- "Environmental Culture"





2. USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant

The CT RBEG supports many beneficial activities that may boost the economy of the region, create jobs and could open the door for other ventures⁽¹⁾

In CT BDL, New England's 2nd largest airport, is located in rural land and qualified for RBEG grant to develop jobs and economic opportunity in Rural Connecticut.

Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT



⁽¹⁾Please see www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_rbeg.html for detailed information



2. USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Connecticut (CCAT) Project

Objective

Determine the feasibility of constructing a renewable fuel production facility in rural North Central Connecticut

- Production of jet fuel, diesel fuel, and heating oil is of interest
- Feedstocks: Municipal Solid Waste supplemented by biomass from farms, nurseries and other green waste streams

Benefits

If results are favorable, the proposed fuel production facility will boost the economy of the region, create jobs and could open the door for other ventures



2. USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Project Team and Supporting Organizations

CCAT, CT Towns of East Granby, Granby, Suffield, Windsor Locks, Fiberight, Paine's Inc., Solena Fuels, Altman Assocs., Bradley International Airport, Airlines for America, USDA Southern New England Jurisdiction⁽¹⁾

This team shares support for our national goals of environmental stewardship and energy independence. And this commitment also includes the implementation of programs and incentives to help American farmers produce feedstocks that can be converted into affordable and sustainable aviation biofuels

⁽¹⁾ C. Kimball is our USDA RBEG Project Manager, Amherst, MA



2. USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Feedstocks

Municipal Solid Waste

- Central CT waste collection greater than 800,000 tons/year
- Supply of MSW – from over 70 towns; more towns possible (one of our RBEG project partners serves 26 CT towns)
- Landfill no longer an option!

Supplemental Biomass

- Forest thinnings
- Wood and wood waste
- Agricultural crops and residue
- Nursery wastes



3. DLA Energy Alternative Fuels Program

CCAT and Arcadis U.S. are executing a project under leadership of DLA Energy to consider full range of gasification technologies for:

Diverse Feedstocks-to-Liquid Fuel – main focus
Diverse Feedstocks-to-Electricity

Test and evaluate technologies to advance commercial viability and comply with EISA 2007 Title V, Section 526

(L. Hicks and J. Maniwang are the DLA Energy project leads)





3. DLA Energy Alternative Fuels Program

Collaborative effort among DoD-DOE (NETL)
and leverages existing U.S. capabilities

Existing Test Facilities

Technologies

Feedstocks Tested

EERC¹
NCCC²
Alter NRG³
Emery Energy⁴
Other TBD

Entrained Flow and Trnspt. Gasifiers
Transport Gasifier
Plasma Reactor
Reformer

Raw Biomass
Torrefied Biomass
MSW
Algae
Nuisance Plants
Used Railroad Ties
Coal
(Mixtures of the above)

- (1) Energy & Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks, ND
- (2) National Carbon Capture Center (DOE/Southern Co.), Wilsonville, AL
- (3) Westinghouse Plasma Corp., Madison, PA
- (4) Laramie, WY





4. Creating / Leveraging Opportunities

Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA)

Strong interest in USDA RBEG Program and DLA Energy Program for exploring liquid fuels production from renewable domestic feedstocks

CRRA

Mission is to develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management

CRRA manages ~80 member towns' solid waste through three CT trash-to-energy systems (Hartford, Bridgeport, Preston)



4. Creating / Leveraging Opportunities

CRRRA Hartford Facility

REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL (RDF) TRASH-TO-ENERGY FACILITY

- Trash collected from ~50 towns
- Towns pay CRRRA for MSW collection
- MSW processed to RDF at Hartford facility
- CRRRA burns RDF to generate/sell electricity

May now consider MSW/RDF-to-Liquid Fuels

- MSW collection and processing system already in place
- Real estate available for additional equipment
- Location in proximity to jet fuel pipeline



Hartford trash-to-energy plant



4. Creating / Leveraging Opportunities

USDA RBEG (commercial) and DLA Energy (military) projects are complementary and benefit the overall aviation supply chain

USDA RBEG connecting fuel suppliers with feedstock owners locally best way to identify and communicate opportunities rapidly

Multiple biofuel end customers (jet, diesel, home heating oil) optimizes efficiency – enhances commercial business opportunity

Immediate opportunity to determine feasibility of MSW/biomass to aviation fuel, diesel fuel, and home heating oil to serve north rural CT and western MA.



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COST EFFICIENT ALGAL BIOFUEL PRODUCTION IN VERMONT



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COST EFFECTIVE ALGAE PRODUCTION IN NORTHEAST / NEW-ENGLAND

- ALGAE IN NORTHEAST / NEW ENGLAND
- GSR SOLUTIONS VERMONT FOCUS/RESUME
- VERMONT RBEG PROJECT
 - PROJECT COMPONENTS
 - SPECIFIC GOALS
 - PROCESS DESIGN APPROACH
 - BENCHMARKS FOR SUCCESS
- ADDED BENEFITS OF PROJECT
 - A PATHWAY TO COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION/
DEVELOPMENT

ALGAE in Northeast NOT NEW?

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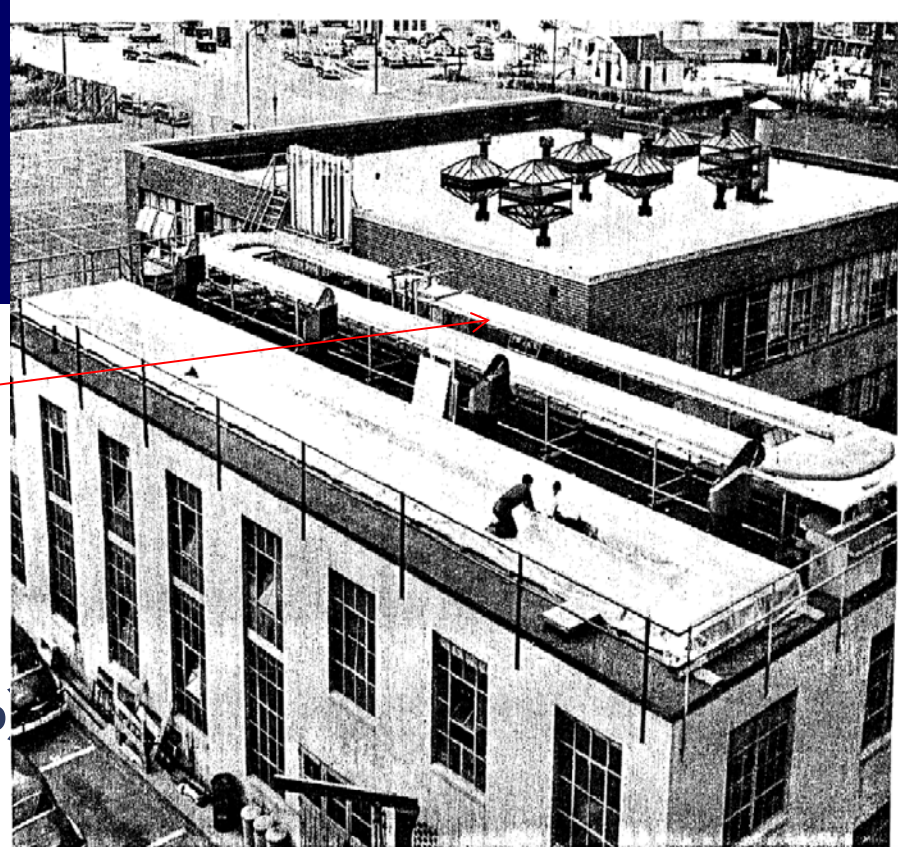
a small 1950s MIT rooftop bioreactor

To

a two decades of ASP DoE NREL
Algae Species program (1978-1996)

ASP Recommendation :

Integrate with wastewater
treatment to grow algae cost
effectively.



Vermont “Bottoms-Up” Developments & Targeting Algal Biofuel Technology Scale-Up

- Led by GSR SOLUTIONS LLC (GSR)
- Airlines (CAAFI) and Home Heating Oil Customer focus (VFDA)
- Focus on Vermont Feedstocks Dairy farm effluents & Cellulosic non-food crops/waste
- Industrial Waste Streams
- Projects supported:
USDA (RBEG)
Dept. of Energy,
VT Sustainable Jobs Fund
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WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

Vermont/GSR Resume

- Bioprospecting/Isolation of microalgal & related organisms for waste-grown biomass production for fuel
- **Algae culture collection facility hosting oleaginous algal strains tested for waste treatment potential**
- Algal mass culturing for fuel utilizing auto-mixotrophic and heterotrophic modes & related systems
- **Rapid screening methods for algal isolation, lipid and nutrients testing**
- Advanced technologies for algal biomass harvesting, its conversion to oil and other valued byproducts
- **Fertilizer and animal feed production.**
- Data management and data analysis infrastructure to inform larger scale systems.

**PILOT /DEMONSTRATION FACILITY TO "SCALE UP"
PROCESS IN RURAL COUNTY**



Farm to Fly 2.0: USDA RBEG supported project



➤ PROJECT COMPONENTS

➤ Oil-rich indigenously isolated algal strains & related microbes

➤ Scalable algal biomass production systems –

➤ Integrate with local waste-based throughput feedstocks



Nordic Farm: 300 milking cows

Farm puts around 200 tons of urea as fertilizer per acre only for grass grown

Picture source: Nordicfarms.com



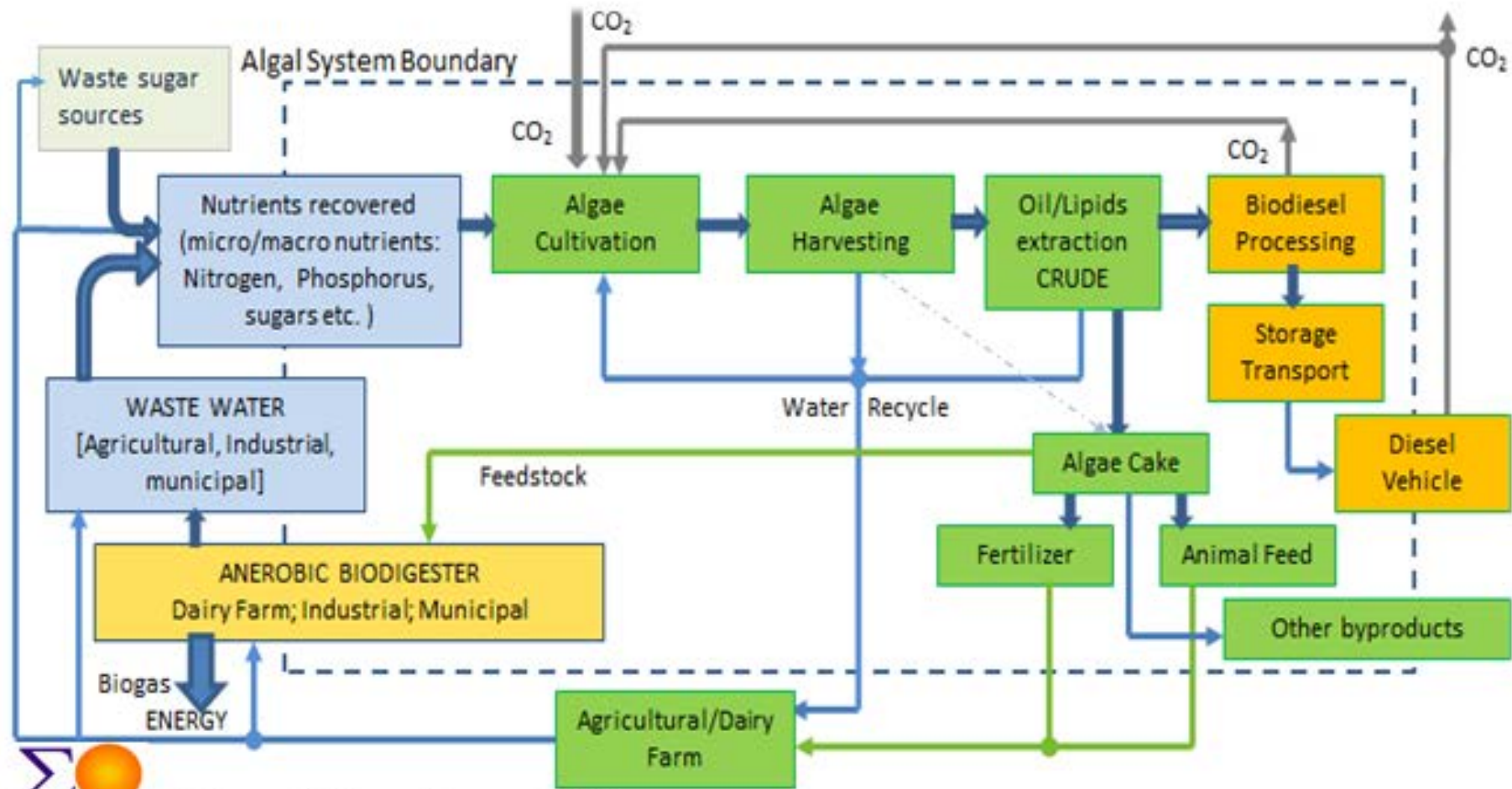
Farm spent \$75000 in fuel costs & invested \$500,000 in the digester



Farm is located on the truck route and other businesses including local beer brewery



GSR System Process Model for Integration of Algal Biomass Production for Oil with Waste Treatment



VERMONT RBEG - BENCHMARK FOR SUCCESS

- **Process candidate identified with positive energy return on investment at market rate**
- **Cost of biofuel per gallon competitive with oil**
- **Fuel standard including the Sulfur content:**
 - projected to meet EPA RFS 2 standards as an advanced biofuel
- **Sustainable & Scalable:**
 - 1) continuous supply of throughput feedstocks,
 - 2) acceptable business case;
 - 3) nutrients recovery from the wastewater to meet with the state/EPA regulations;
 - 4) none or positive land use change at the farm.

Benefits of ongoing VT RBEG project

➤ Integrating the supply chain

- with the suppliers of throughput feedstock sources for algae production (farm, brewery, other potential suppliers), and
- with technology end users:
 - Fuel & Fertilizer* – Farms, and other businesses in the area (greenhouses, vegetable growers etc.)
 - Jet Fuel* - CAAFI & Burlington-based aerospace industry
 - Home heating oil* – VT Fuel dealers Association

➤ Adding valued by-product – fertilizer

- the farm runoff nutrients captured by algae to produce granular fertilizer and rerouted to farm for enriching soils for crop production.

➤ Harmonizing With State Environmental/Economic goals

- next step – demonstration in rural county

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Vermont Fuel Dealers Association



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We are inviting partnerships and investment from private sector

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Note: White paper for follow up plan available



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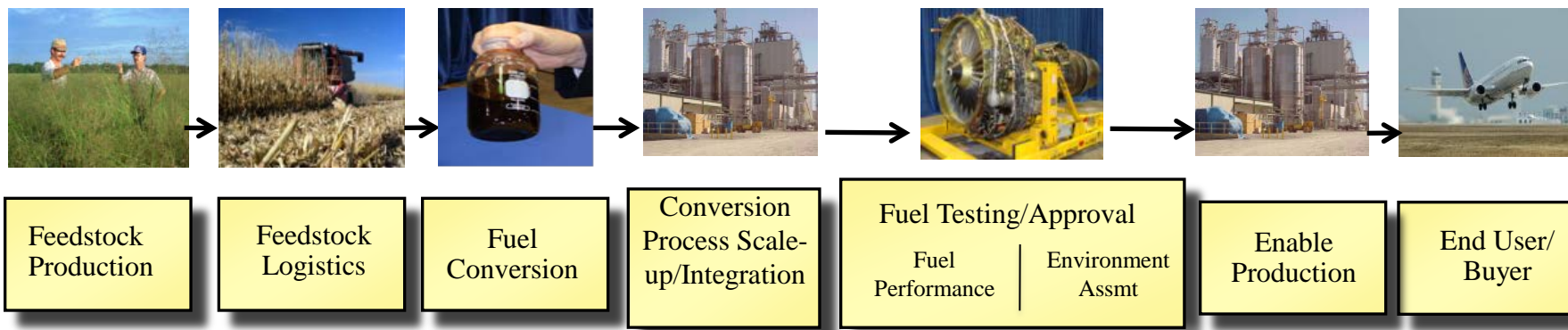
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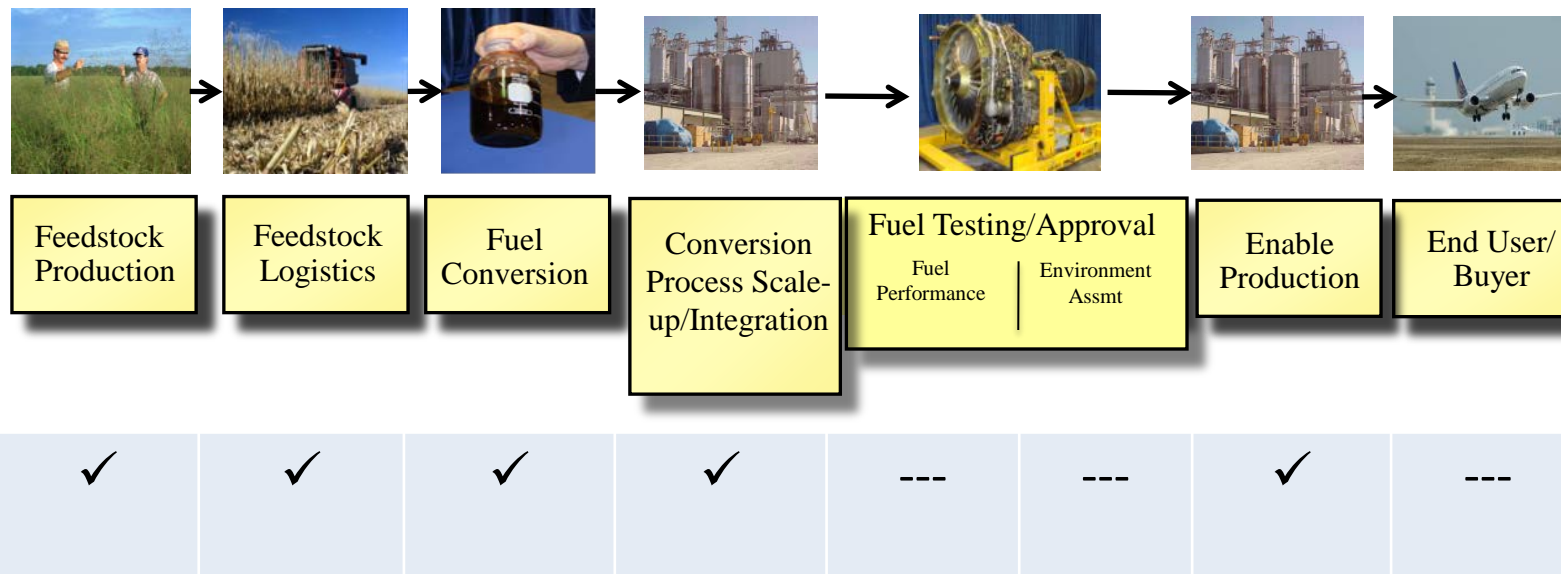


Alternative Jet Fuels Supply Chain – Agency Effort Summary



USDA	✓	✓	✓	✓	---	---	✓	---
DOC	✓	---	✓	✓	✓	✓	---	✓
DOE	✓	✓	✓	✓	---	✓	✓	---
DOD	---	---	---	---	✓	✓	---	✓
EPA	---	---	---	---	---	✓	✓	---
FAA	---	✓	---	✓	✓	✓	---	✓
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USDA Areas of Focus in Alternative Fuels - Summary

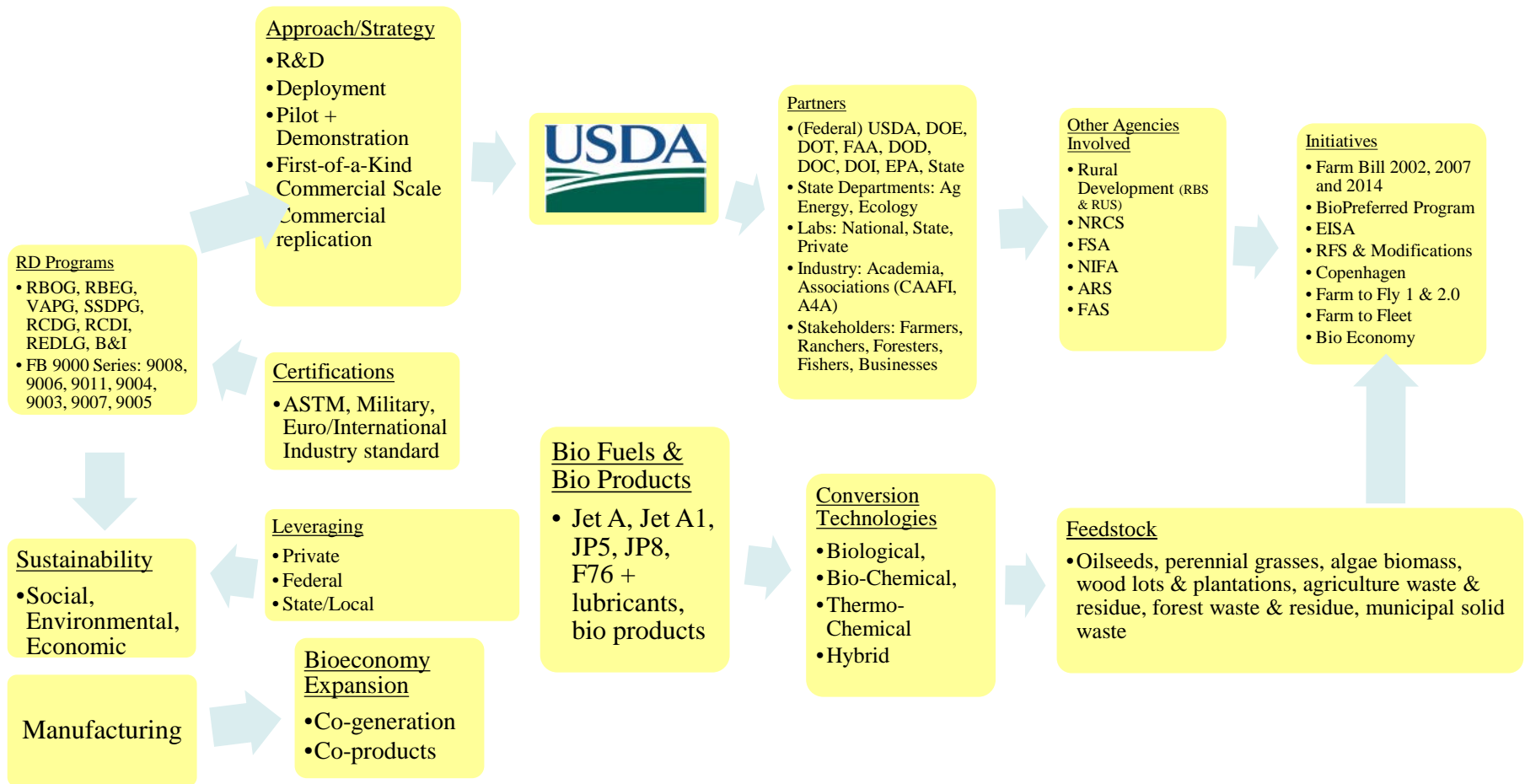


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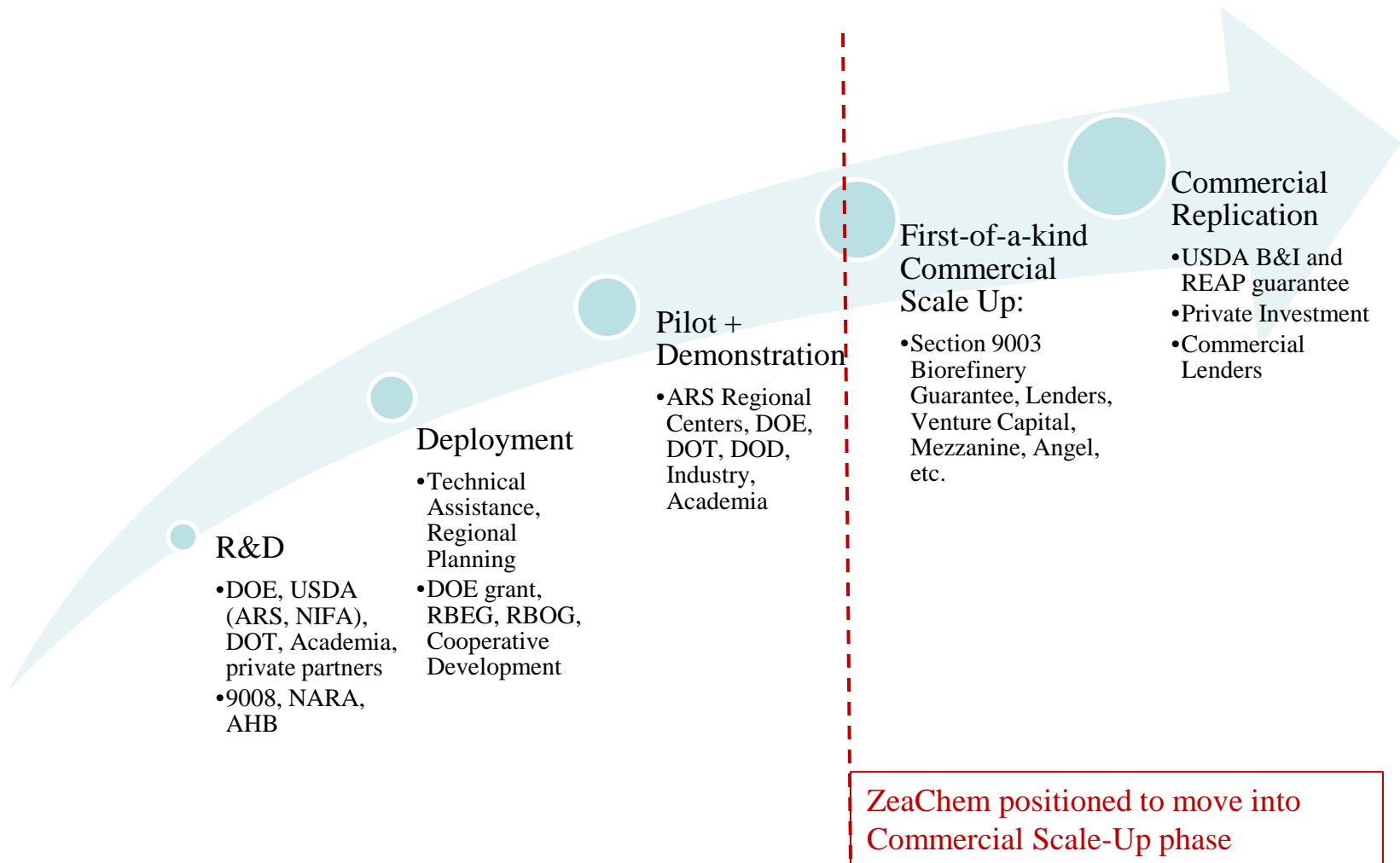
- Develop sustainable feedstock production systems and reduce supply chain transaction costs
- Assess environmental and social impacts of biofuel deployment
- Help enable commercial feedstock and biofuel production



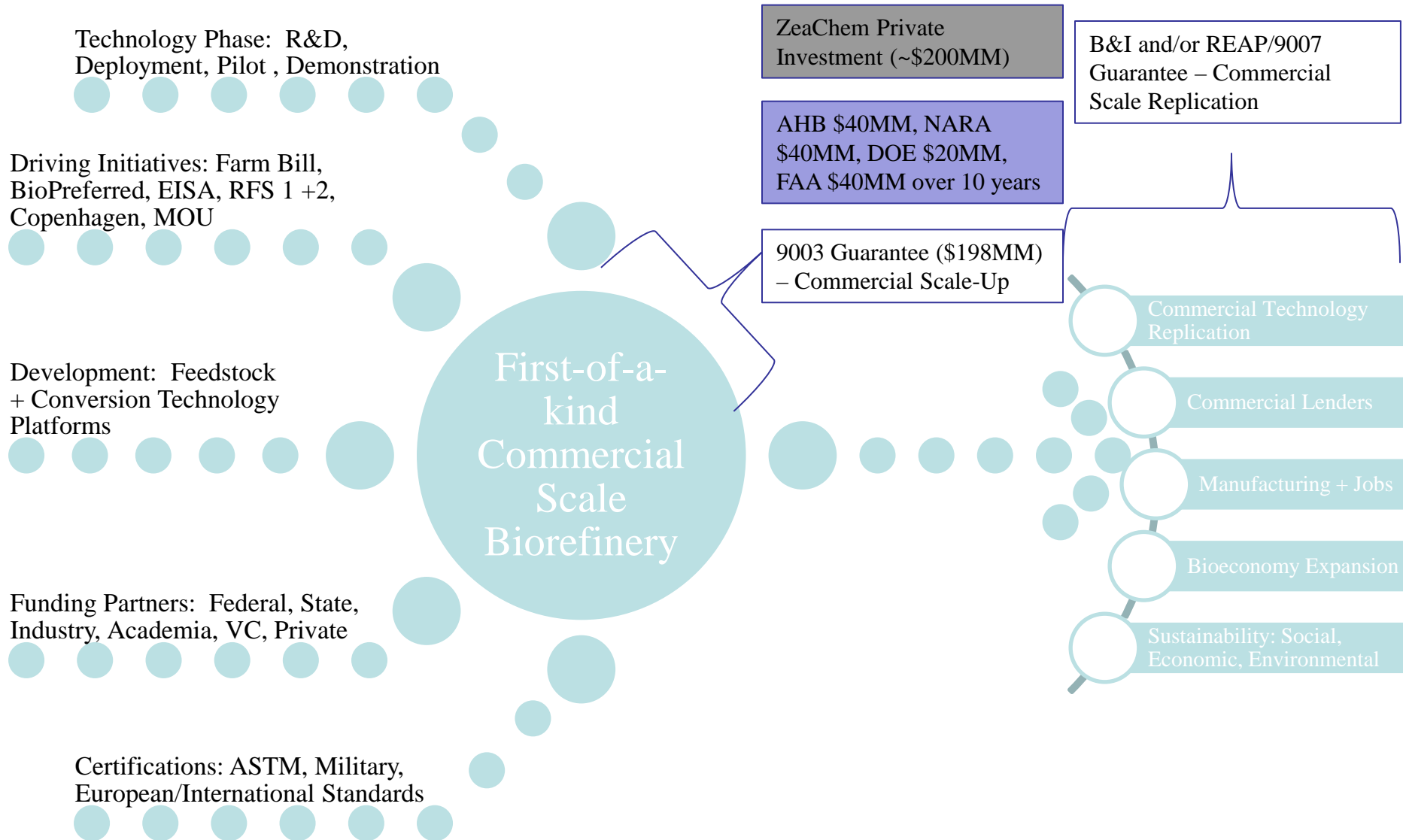
Path to Commercialization - Overview



Path to Commercialization with Example Partners + Funding Sources



Path to Commercialization – Critical Role of Loan Guarantees in Advanced Biofuels to Market



Take Off Recommendation

- USDA Summit to include:
 - ARS Regional Centers
 - FAA
 - NIFA Advanced Hardwood Biofuels (AHB) + NW Advanced Renewable Alliance (NARA)
 - FAA Center of Excellence
 - DOT, VOLPE
 - CAAFI
 - A4A (Airlines for America)
 - Academia
 - National Labs
 - Industry Partners (Boeing, GE, etc.)
 - DOE Tribal Program
 - 1890 Institutions

Strategy

- Research and Development: feedstocks, technology conversions, biofuels and bioproducts
- Pilot and Demonstration
- First of kind Commercial
- Commercial Replication



Resources

- Energy Investment Map
- <http://www.usda.gov/energy/maps/maps/Investment.html>

- Energy Matrix
- Renewable Energy Tool



Legend

Data

Anaerobic Investments

Anaerobic



Hydroelectric Investments

Hydroelectric



Solar Investments

Solar



Hydrogen Investments

Hydrogen



Biomass Investments

Biomass



Wind Investments

Wind



Geothermal Investments

Geothermal



Other Investments

Other



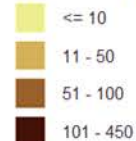
Energy Efficiency Investments

Energy Efficiency



Investment Totals by State & County

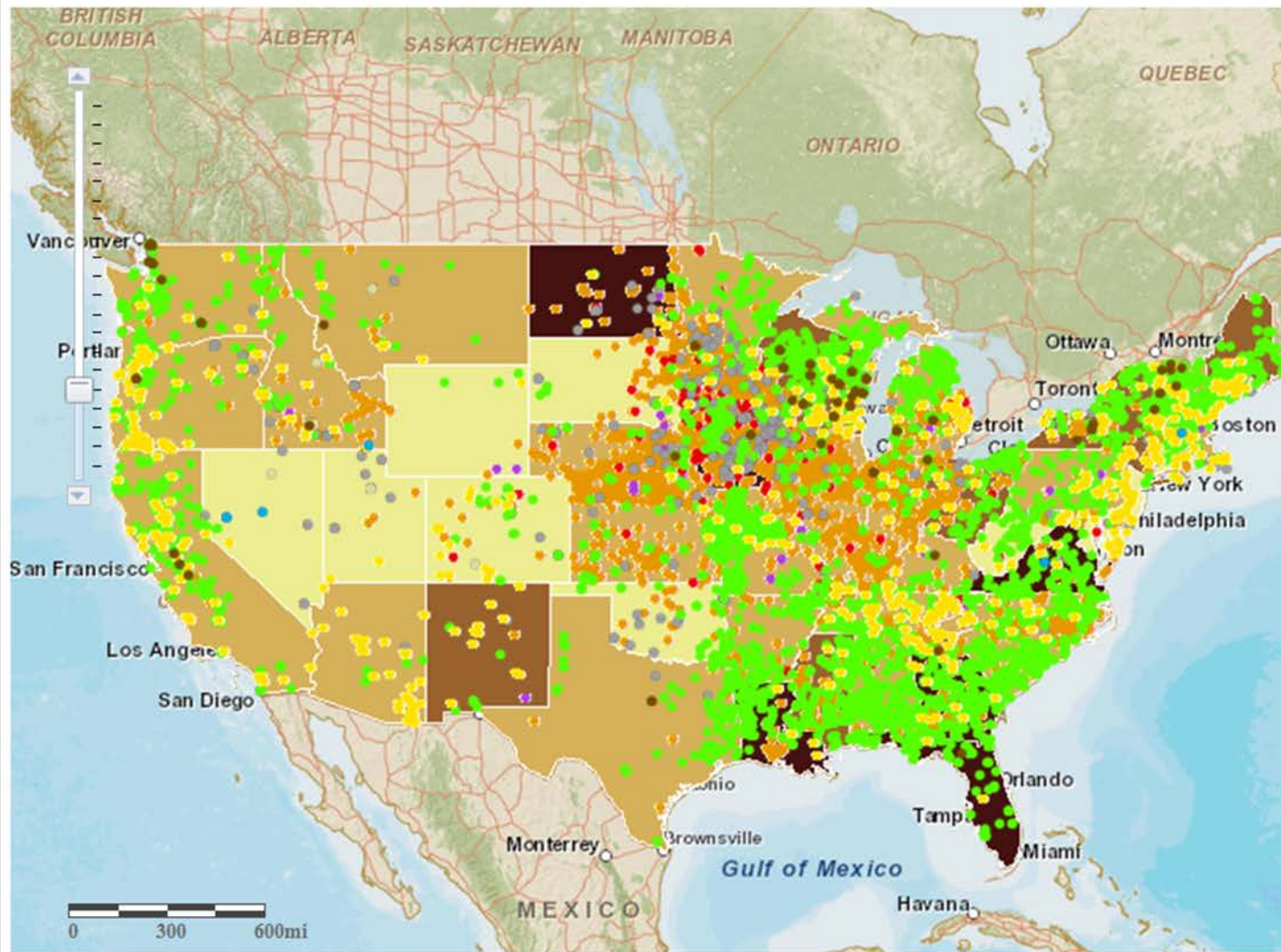
Total Investments by State (in millions of Dollars)



USDA Energy Investments Map

The USDA Energy Investments web map contains information regarding USDA programs that provide assistance to renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The map displays investment location, type of energy investment, amount of assistance provided and the administering USDA program. The energy investment data is also summarized by state, county and congressional districts to display total number of investments and total dollar amounts obligated by USDA.

[Click here to view the Renewable Energy Special Projects Report.](#)



Requirements

- Feasibility study
- Technical report
- Business plan
- Environmental report
- Agreements



Programs

- Rural Business Enterprise Grant
- Rural Business Opportunity Grant
- Cooperative Development Grant & Technical Assistance
- Business & Industry Loan Guarantee



Farm Bill 2014

- **Clear Priorities**
 - Energy, Nutrition, Jobs
- **Targeted investments**



Farm Bill 2014

- Rural Energy for America Program REAP
 - Feasibility Studies
 - Renewable Development Assistance
 - Renewable Energy Systems



Farm Bill 2014

- Biomass Research & Development Initiative
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program
- Value Added Producer Grant Program
- Biorefinery Assistance Program
- Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels





Algae



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Feedstock Diversification



Feedstock Diversification



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Feedstock Densification







Advanced Aviation Biofuels



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“Farm to Fly” State/Local Initiatives Success Model Lessons ... Building Future Projects

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“Farm to Fly” State/Local Progression

- * **Key Lessons from initial “Farm to Fly” Initiatives (Vermont, Connecticut, Oregon)**
- * **South Carolina – RBEG Proposals... case study for new initiative formation**
- * **Key take away..... “Farm to Fly” can work in your state / province ... success formula available and effective.**

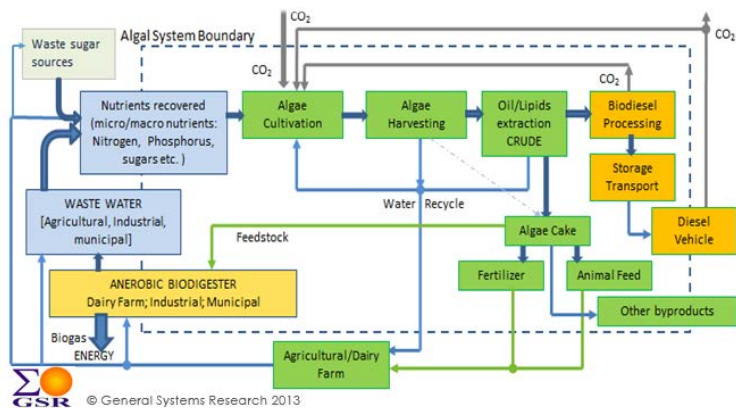
“Farm to Fly” Key Lessons from States

- * All projects are local/unique
- * “Experience Templates” applicable to new projects
- * Focus on full supply chain... start build up from feedstocks... incorporate customer stakeholders
- * Strong Local private leadership with supply chain knowledge/access essential
- * Lead fuel company engagement /exposure with “limited bandwidth” major goal/benefit
- * Rural Development “Tool Kit” enables progression
- * USDA State Director / CAAFI lead consult is first step

Relationship Build is Top Outcome!



All Projects are Unique / Local



- * **Vermont...** High Sugar content waste streams feed “Dark Algae” fed fuel... granular Fertilizer co-product.
- * **Connecticut ...** Building a global future for BDL, viable MSW to Energy in Northeast Corridor
- * **Oregon....** SAFN focus contributed to Zechem Boardman Initiative



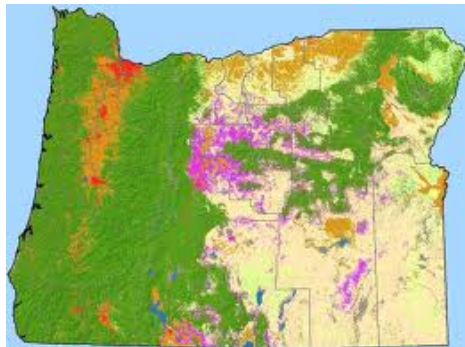
Feedstock Focused Supply chain



- * **Vermont...** Dairy and Beer Brewery Waste streams enable dark algae growth



- * **Connecticut ...** MSW base strong and centralized public / private capture



- * **Oregon....** Creative Woody Biomass productivity and capture




Strong Local Team Leadership



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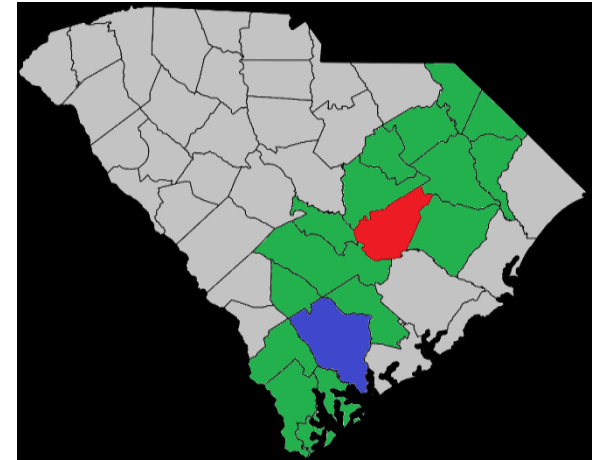


South Carolina “Farm to Fly” Next

- * Building from Well Defined Feedstock base 
- * Strong Local private supply chain 
- * Diverse (mil./comm.) customers engaged 
- * Early Engagement with USDA S.C. Office 
- * Strong State and Local Community Participation 
- * RBEG Experience Template (from CT) 
- * Path for lead Fuel company engagement addressing requirement/
benefits set 

South Carolina – New Initiatives

- * **Strong Feedstock Potential** (ref. **USDA/SCRA 2012 report**) e.g. **Algae, Woody Biomass**
- * Diverse aviation fuel proven process potential: FT, HEFA, Thermochemical, Alcohol to Jet
- * Real CAAFI customer / fuel stakeholder interest
- * I-95 Corridor has need /Assets



RBEG Proposals

- **Clarendon (Woody)**
- **Colleton (Algae)**

Strong SC Team Leading, Supporting

Feedstock Centric Private Leadership



SC Clean Energy
Business Alliance



Public Advocacy and Support



Committed to the future of rural communities.



SC Aviation Demand Strong

200M+ usg with Growth and Supply Security Needs

- * Beaufort – Navy/Marine Air
- * Charleston - Commercial Air / Boeing
- * Charleston - C17 Maintenance
- * Columbia – Air National Guard
- * Charlotte - U.S Airways Hub
- * Savannah - Gulfstream production
- * Cherry Point - Navy/Marine Air
- * Charleston – Commercial Marine
- * Package Freight – Air / Ground



SC RBEG Goals / Pathways Set

- ❖ SCRA report... USDA/DOC EDA I-95 corridor study
 - “Sustainable biomass energy crops ... projected \$25 - \$30 ton”....
- Woody biomass for starters
 - “resources to be a prominent player in algae **production**”

- ❖ CAAFI / Navy Markets Identified 2011 - 2013
 - ACI focused CAAFI began with Charleston growth
 - Navy identified base needs

- ❖ CAAFI/Navy/ Biomass Council /USDA set plan 9/13

- ❖ SCCEBA selected leads submitting proposal 2/14
 - county engagement set
 - two fuel companies each proposal
 - company benefits /requirements identified

Farm to Fly in your State / Province?

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