Biomass Energy Center funding announcement:

The USDA-NIFA and DOE have announced their annual Biomass Joint Research and Development proposal cycle. This year the DOE is planning on making 1-2 awards and USDA-NIFA is planning on making 4-7 awards (although the solicitation is joint, each agency makes separate awards). The ceiling is $7 million per award and the floor is $3 million (average estimated award is $5.5 million), with a period of performance up to 4 years. Cost share is required at 20% for R&D and 50% for demonstration or commercial projects. Any successful proposal must address Feedstock Development, Biofuels and Biobased Products Development (co-products, etc.), and Biofuels Development Analysis (full cradle to grave life cycle analysis, technoeconomic analysis, jobs and economic development, etc.). Eligible applicants include universities, national and federal labs, and private companies, non-profits and consortia. Faculty interested in developing a pre-application (required, and due July 13) are encouraged to contact:

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