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USDA Seeks Applications to Expand the Production of Advanced Biofuel in Rural America

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, 2020 – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand today announced that USDA will begin accepting applications on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, to expand the production of advanced biofuel by providing payments to eligible producers.

USDA is making $7 million available under the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program. Through this program, producers will receive payments to help offset costs associated with the production of advanced biofuel. Examples of advanced biofuel include biodiesel, ethanol (other than corn kernel), electricity and biogas produced from anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels.

The enrollment period for producers to sign up to participate for Fiscal Year 2021 is Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, 2020. Producers who participated in the program in Fiscal Year 2020 and new producers must enroll to receive payments.

For more information on enrollment, visit https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/advanced-biofuel-payment-program or contact the State Rural Development Energy Coordinator in the state where the applicant is headquartered.

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

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