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SUBJECT: Biobased Product Event at the Pentagon on September 12 and 13

The Department of Defense is hosting a biobased product showcase and educational event at the Pentagon on September 12 and 13. The event will facilitate information sharing among the biobased product industry and those in the Department who specify, buy, and/or use commercial or industrial products in DoD operations.

The Department is committed to being a leader in environmental stewardship by increasing the procurement and use of environmentally preferable products and services. The Pentagon biobased product event supports the Department's Green Procurement Program, as well as Section 9002 of Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-17, "Farm Bill"), which directs Federal agencies to establish procurement preference programs for biobased products.

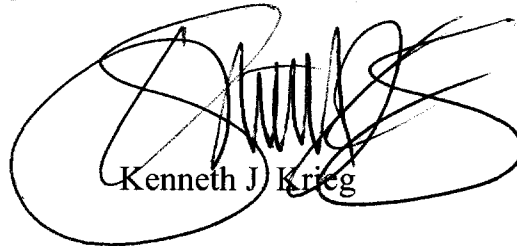
Senior Government Officials will provide remarks to open the event from 9 to 10 a.m. on September 12. Biobased product exhibits will be displayed on the Pentagon concourse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 12 and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on September 13. In addition, there will be focused breakout discussions the afternoon of September 12 for industry representatives to discuss the performance, cost, and



availability of biobased products. The sessions will help Department buyers, users, and specification owners express their needs and gather more information. The United Soybean Board organized the industry representatives who represent a large portion of the various biobased industry sectors. Additional information on these breakout sessions and the agenda can be viewed at <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/OSD/biobased.html> or www.soybiobased.org.

I strongly encourage members of the procurement and acquisition, logistics, installation, and environmental communities to attend this event to gain a better understanding of biobased products -- their uses, performance characteristics, and cost. Please identify your points of contact who plan to participate by September 1.

Your support of green purchasing requirements and of this event affords us an opportunity to enhance DoD operations while protecting the environment. My points of contact are Mr. David Asiello at 703-571-9068, david.asiello@osd.mil, and Ms. Susan Pollack at 703-697-8336, susan.pollack@osd.mil.



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