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Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence announces 2010 symposium series *Collaborative conference designed to inform businesses and entrepreneurs of opportunities in the biomass and biofuels industries*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 27, 2010) - Seven collaborative conferences that will provide an opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to learn about potential development through BioEnergy, mandates that are driving BioEnergy markets, and federal and state resource organizations that provide financing, marketing and other services were announced today by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's (EEC) Department of Energy Development and Independence.

The 2010 Symposium Series: "Economic Development through BioEnergy," is designed to help grow this expanding industry while looking at energy cost-saving opportunities for Kentucky businesses and homeowners.

"This is an excellent opportunity to showcase how Kentuckians can take advantage of the many resources that are available to those who look to lead an exciting and dynamic industry," said EEC Secretary Len Peters.

In addition to presentations on Gov. Steve Beshear's Executive Task Force on Biomass and Biofuels Development, the impact of federal mandates on Kentucky's biomass potential, and the integration of energy and agriculture, attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the Cabinet for Economic Development's small business development programs, the New Energy Ventures funding program administered by Kentucky Science & Technology Corporation and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development funding opportunities. Information will also be provided on Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency Programs administered by the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center.

Regional entrepreneurs, local leadership, service providers, and vendors allied with the biomass and biofuels business community shouldn't miss this chance to learn about Kentucky's BioEnergy potential and resources available to them. The series dates and locations are:

Aug. 12 - Morehead Conference Center, co-hosted by Morehead-Rowan County Economic Development Council, Inc. and the Morehead Tourism Commission/Conference Center.

Sept. 8 - Hosted by the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and will be held in their conference room in Bowling Green, Ky.

Sept. 22 - The Opera House in Springfield, Ky., hosted by the Bluegrass South Regional Economic Development Coalition.

Sept. 23 - Hosted by the Big Sandy Area Development District and will be held in their conference room in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Oct. 13 - The Maysville Conference Center, hosted by TENCO Workforce Investment Board.

Oct. 19 - The Henderson Agricultural Extension Conference facility, co-hosted by Northwest Kentucky Forward and the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

Oct. 27 - The Corbin Center for Technology & Community Activities, co-hosted by the Corbin Economic Development Authority and the Southeast Kentucky Industrial Development Authority Inc.

Additional information will be available concerning each event two weeks prior to the scheduled event date.