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## The NABC Holds its Second Annual Consortium-Wide Meeting

The members of the National Advanced Biofuels Consortium met in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 18-19, 2012, to discuss Stage I results and Stage II plans for the three-year project to develop technology to produce renewable drop-in transportation fuels. The group is almost halfway through the two-stage project, which focuses on research and development (R&D) on different strategies to produce fuels including fermentation, chemical catalysis, pyrolysis, and syngas conversion. This meeting was the third consortium-wide event; the first, a pre-award organizational meeting, was held in early 2010 and the second, an annual meeting, was held in January 2011.



Attendees included staff from all 17 partners and DOE for a total of 56 participants.

The first day opened with a general session devoted to reviewing the Stage I accomplishments and laying out the Stage II plans and goals. The strategy teams and some cross-cutting teams met to hold in-depth technical discussions and to share data and results. These face-to-face meetings built on the regular monthly web and teleconference call each team holds in addition to sub-team calls for specific topics such as catalyst testing and development.

A reception the first evening, hosted by NREL, provided an excellent opportunity for networking and continuing discussions.

On the second day, the full consortium met to hear a series of excellent presentations by a panel of invited experts in advanced biofuels policy, refiners' views, and sustainability issues:

Michael McAdams	President, Advanced Biofuels Association
Rick Weyen	Vice President, Renewable Energy, Tesoro Companies, Inc.
John Sheehan	Professor, University of Minnesota
Kevin Craig	Conversion Technologies R&D Director, Office of Biomass Program, Department of Energy

The session finished with an overview of the Technical Advisory Council's (TAC) role in the NABC by the TAC chair, Dr. Bruce Gates. Overall, the meeting provided the opportunity for the consortium members to strengthen relationships, present and discuss results, address key issues, and share their expertise with their teams and the consortium as a whole.

#### About the NABC

The National Advanced Biofuels Consortium (NABC) is a collaboration among U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories, universities, and private industry that is developing technologies to produce infrastructure-compatible, biomass-based hydrocarbon fuels.

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