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**WESTAR GRANT WRITING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT BIOFUELS FROM ALGAE**

The Department of Energy recently announced it will distribute up to \$10 million for research projects aimed at enhancing the productivity of algae cultivation systems and demonstrating effective, energy-efficient, and low-cost algae harvest and processing technologies, such as centrifugation and extraction. This funding opportunity is part of the Energy Department's efforts to diversify the nation's energy efficiency strategies and to accelerate the development of market-based solutions to strengthen U.S. energy security.

Westar has successfully assisted clients and applicants in receiving over \$900 million worth of government grant and guaranteed loan funding. We look forward to helping our current and new clients to prepare successful applications for this funding opportunity.

This funding opportunity will focus on a longer-term effort (up to 60 months) to integrate research and development on mid-scale processes from strain development to production of biofuel intermediates. This will complement and build upon the current body of research to support enhanced algal biomass yields.

The DOE anticipates selecting 2-7 applications for awards under this announcement depending on the amount of each award. Under this funding opportunity announcement, awards are anticipated for proposals addressing one comprehensive topic area. The three priority areas include:

- Improvements in Algal Biomass Productivity;
- Improvements in Preprocessing Technologies; and
- Technical Advances that Enable Integration of Algal Biomass Unit Operations.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Individuals
- Domestic entities
- Foreign entities, whether for-profit or otherwise
- Incorporated Consortia, which may include domestic and/or foreign entities, are eligible to apply for funding as a prime recipient or subrecipient
- Unincorporated consortia, which may include domestic and foreign entities, must designate one member of the consortium to serve as the prime recipient/consortium representative. The prime recipient/consortium representative must be incorporated (or otherwise formed) under the laws of a State or territory of the United States.
- Applicants must provide a cost share that is at least 20% of the total allowable costs for research and development projects

The Department encourages applicants from industry, universities, and national laboratories.

Deadlines:

- Concept Paper Submission Deadline is February 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM EST
- Full Application Submission Deadline is April 1, 2013 at 5:00 PM EST

Applicants must submit a concept paper by the concept paper deadline to be eligible to submit a full application.

To read more about the funding announcement, please visit [Algae Biomass Yield Funding Opportunity](#).

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