



March 10, 2008

Secretary David Fleischaker
Office of the Secretary of Energy
100 North Broadway, Suite 2430
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

RE: Letter of Commitment – Dedicated Energy Crop Demonstration Fields
Oklahoma Bioenergy Center

Dear Secretary Fleischaker:

Ceres, Inc. (Ceres) is pleased to be a part of the team coordinated by the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center (OBC) to establish and productively maintain the proposed Oklahoma Dedicated Energy Crop Demonstration Fields as part of the OBC's research and demonstration objectives.

Ceres is a leading developer of high-yielding, dedicated energy crops that can be planted as feedstocks for cellulosic ethanol production. Its development efforts cover switchgrass, sorghum, miscanthus, energycane and woody crops.

As a member of the OBC team, Ceres will assist the OBC with the acquisition of the seed necessary to plant the Oklahoma Dedicated Energy Crop Demonstration Fields. Further, Ceres, in collaboration with the Noble Foundation, will consult and provide insight regarding the establishment and sustainable production of cultivated switchgrass (and other energy crops) managed for optimized production.

The vision of Oklahoma's leadership in establishing and supporting the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center is to be commended. The planned establishment of 1,000-acres of switchgrass in Oklahoma is very important to this emerging industry – both in the short term, as a “living laboratory” for researchers, scientists and industry, and in the long term to better understand this important crop and its role in the future of domestic energy production. We are hopeful that Oklahoma's support and funding of this project and the Oklahoma Bioenergy continues.

Sincerely,

Anna Rath
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