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# Biofuels—first example of New Energy jobs premise Keystones of this premise

- » Midwest has unique assets in alternative energy;
- » These assets need to be surrounded with the right strategy, policy, programs and funding;
- This combination of assets and opportunity will result in a <u>disproportionate</u> market share for the Midwest in wealth and job creation from the sector.
- » Deflection points come along rarely, we must take advantage.

Goal: Replace 1.2 million lost manufacturing jobs with new energy jobs

### Gen One Biofuels—New Energy jobs case study

First Generation biofuels a unique Midwestern example

» Corn ethanol a bottom-up phenomenon

- » Farmer-owned co-ops built first refineries
  - » Feedstock driven, not technology driven
- » Policy driven by farm-state politics
- In spite of boom-bust-recovery cycle, jobs and wealth were disproportionately created in Midwest
  - » 3 out of 4 major engineering firms
  - » 133 out of 169 of total U.S. bio-refineries
  - » Approximately 2/3 of supply chain to include service providers

## Biofuels—what will the future bring?

Will second generation biofuels be as good to the Midwest?

- » Pluses (+):
  - » Component technology and experience base still in Midwest
  - » Some key companies and research still in Midwest
    - » Great Lakes Bio-energy Research Center
    - » Virent, Koskota, Poet, others
  - » Midwest still has multi-facetted cellulosic feedstock base
- » Minuses (-):
  - » Many top projects and research funded by Coastal money and located elsewhere
  - » Cellulosic feedstocks not limited to Midwest

Midwest will have a strong presence but will loose share

# Alternative Energy—how strong the Midwest?

What assets do we have to leverage in the New Energy sector?

- » Intellectual capital
  - » Big 10 and related schools, strongest tech research in world
    - » Ag/Forestry/biotech programs
    - » Chemistry/engineering/materials science/nanotech
- » Natural resources
  - » Ag and forestry base
  - » World's greatest fresh water resource
  - » Strong wind corridor
  - » Coal and carbon capture
- » Human capital, historical strengths
  - » Workforce

» Manufacturing base

# Where Should Our Concentration Be?

**Conservation is a given but what energy areas are most promising?** 

	Solar	Biomass	Wind
NE		+	+++
MW	+	+++	+++
S	+++		
SW	+++		
W	++	++	+++



### How Do We Win—will our ideas be enough?

Will money trump basic resources in New Energy job creation?



### How Do We Win—are strong MGA goals enough?

What about MGA goals, are they good enough?

- » Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform
  - » Necessary but not (quite) sufficient
    - » Achievement puts Midwest ahead of most regions (CA the exception)
- » Policy and programs must be <u>differentiated</u> if MW to achieve <u>disproportionate</u> success
  - » We must drive faster adoption of green technologies in order to win in the jobs and wealth creation race
    - » Do more than other regions
    - » Focus on resource areas where we excel (wind, biomass)
    - » Policy and programs must be both creative and aggressive



## How Do We Win—are strong MGA goals enough?

Can we take share in the face of California's goals?

- » California:  $\frac{1}{2}$  the ideas = 5x equity \$s
- It will take more than our goals set to take share
- » Ideas alone are not enough
- » Goals alone are not enough
- » We must combine other assets with goals and ideas

Goals render a marginal advantage, it will take more than goals.

## How We Win— strategically combine assets and policy

What assets do we have to leverage in the New Energy sector?

- » Need a combination of attributes and assets:
  - » Local money plus a differentiated attribute or asset
    - » Gen 1 bio-fuels (\$s from co-ops + corn)
    - » Wind corridor + RES + project finance + energy market
  - Intellectual Capital plus local money
    - » CHP technology + project finance + policy incentives
  - » Intellectual Capital plus a differentiated attribute or asset
    - » Gen 2 bio-fuels technology + feedstock aggregation



How We Win—policy first and then programs

How do we take a disproportionate share in the New Energy sector?

- » Use policy to drive adoption of New Energy tech
  - » Policy first, then programs
    - » Programs are essential but not as strong
- » Policy changes can attract projects quickly
  - » Wind
    - » RES have driven wind adoption in MW
      - » Supply chain strengths keep purchases in MW
      - » Job training provides longer term advantage
  - » Biomass (where creativity and aggression is needed)
    - » Change the inflection point of biomass to power investment
      - » ARTs, thermal credits and ITCs drive CHP

The best biomass supply chain leads to power apps, leads to Gen 2 bio-fuel apps, leads to biomaterials apps

# How We Win— assets → policy → programs

Winning relies on strategy, policy and programs working together

- » Asset base shapes strategy
- » Aggressive policy drives adoption
- » Programs support the industries thus created
  - » Strong programs (jobs platform) secures share and builds for future
  - » Programs create a sustainable competitive advantage
- » Job retention as well as creation
- » Explicit investment strategy (public and private)



Deflection points are rare, we must not let this one get by.

## MGA Goals, Strategies, Programs

Energy goals, energy and jobs platforms and regional cooperation

- » Governors' energy goals, bold first step
- » MGA task forces provide programmatic details and policy recommendations
- » Cooperative regional initiatives: call to action as a region

Total package creates a 'take share' environment that builds on Midwestern assets. Strategies and programs build on the policy/asset foundation.



Are We Ready to Move Again?

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