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Chris Standlee Elected New RFA Chairman **Standlee Sees Bright Future with Grain and Cellulosic Ethanol**

Washington, DC –The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) has a new chairman. Elected unanimously, Chris Standlee, Executive Vice President of Abengoa Bioenergy in Chesterfield, Missouri, follows Ron Miller as chairman of the RFA.

“It is an honor to be elected chairman of the RFA,” said Standlee. “For more than 26 years, the RFA has worked tirelessly to ensure proper policies and markets are in place to develop a robust U.S. ethanol industry and the results speak for themselves. I intend to work equally as hard to follow the precedent set by Ron Miller and keep our industry on an upward path.”

Standlee continued, “The U.S. ethanol industry is just starting to realize the potential it holds. Already, it is helping reduce the emissions of climate-changing gases like carbon dioxide, reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil, and revitalize rural economies all across the country. But the benefits we are seeing today only scratch the surface. As the industry develops cellulosic ethanol technologies and improves overall efficiencies, we will be able to deliver greater environmental benefits and a more stable energy future, one that will be increasingly free of foreign oil.

“Ethanol is no longer a Midwestern phenomenon. It is becoming a global industry with the potential to revolutionize how we think about energy and agriculture. As chairman, I am looking forward to working with my fellow board members and the whole ethanol industry to ensure the momentum we have achieved is sustained and the full promise of renewable fuels is realized.”

Previously, Standlee had served as Vice Chairman of the RFA.

“We are thrilled to have Chris leading the RFA,” said RFA President Bob Dinneen. “Chris brings an excitement and energy to our industry that will be instrumental in helping us move the biofuels agenda forward. We cannot afford to sit on our hands and hope the growing energy and environmental problems our nation faces disappear. We have to start taking concrete action and increasing the use of renewable fuels like ethanol is the only viable option today. I am confident that our industry will continue to thrive and Chris will play a critical role in that success.”

The Renewable Fuels Association is the national trade association for the U.S. ethanol industry. Currently, the RFA represents more than 330 companies and more than 80 percent of ethanol produced in the U.S.

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