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POET Honored with Biorenewable Deployment Consortium's Achievement Award

Omaha, Nebraska (May 1, 2018) – The [Biorenewable Deployment Consortium \(BDC\)](#) honored [POET](#), a privately held corporation headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the world's largest producer of ethanol and other biorefined products, with the organization's Spring 2018 Achievement Award at its spring meeting in Omaha on May 1, 2018. POET is recognized for its leadership in remaining focused on reducing the reliance of the United States on foreign energy, to revitalizing global agriculture, and providing a cleaner, affordable alternative to fossil fuels.

"The Biorenewable Deployment Consortium is proud to honor POET with its Spring 2018 Achievement Award," said BDC President and Co-Founder Masood Akhtar. "POET is a great example of how industry and government can effectively collaborate to produce a technology platform for a wide range of sustainable feedstocks into renewable resources, energy, and other valuable goods. Its commercial success in operating in 28 state-of-the-art plants in 7 states, providing renewable products to the entire world is the reason that BDC has recognized POET and awarded its entire team for its continued success."



Pictured (from left to right): Masood Akhtar, BDC President, Mike Dishman, POET Regional Vice President, Jeff Heikes, Vice President Project Management, and Liz Moore, DOE-BETO Project Manager

"There are significant challenges in agriculture and energy today. Farmers suffer from declining income and low commodity prices, while our nation still deals with the environmental consequences of a reliance on oil, much of it imported. We're proud to alleviate those problems," said Mike Dishman, POET's Regional VP. Dishman, along with Jeff Heikes, VP Project Management, and Liz Moore, Project Manager for DOE-BETO, received the award on behalf of POET.

"We're pleased to be recognized by the Biorenewable Deployment Consortium for POET's achievements," he said. "Our team works tirelessly to create a greener, cleaner tomorrow, and we thank all involved, including DOE-BETO for working with us."

About the Biorenewable Deployment Consortium (BDC)

BDC (www.biorenewabledc.org), since 2006, has worked to bring together like minded companies to share ideas and partner to deploy bio-processes that can be economic in the long run without government subsidy. by holding two symposiums a year for its members, where leading edge information from various bio-companies is shared and tours are made of bio-facilities. BDC holds two symposiums a year and acts as a resource to members, working to broker partnerships that can lead to the deployment of commercial facilities. BDC recognizes the need



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for low cost feedstock, cost effective measures such as integration of processes, high value products, and good management to achieve the economics needed for success.

About POET

POET, the world's largest biofuels producer, is a leader in biorefining through its efficient, vertically integrated approach to production. The 30-year-old company has a network of 27 production facilities. POET, through its joint venture with DSM, also operates a commercial-scale cellulosic biofuel plant in Emmetsburg, Iowa. For more information, visit <http://www.poet.com>.

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