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## Advanced Biofuels USA Received IRS 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Status

Advanced Biofuels USA today received notice that the Maryland nonprofit organization is recognized as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code making the organization qualified to receive tax deductible donations.

Advanced Biofuels USA's purpose is to promote public understanding, acceptance, and use of advanced biofuels; to promote research, development and improvement of production, marketing and delivery of advanced biofuels; and to improve advanced biofuels crops and products. "Our main educational tool right now is our website, <a href="www.AdvancedBiofuelsUSA.org">www.AdvancedBiofuelsUSA.org</a>, the only site in the world dedicated to expanding knowledge about advanced biofuels. We know we are providing a valuable service as we receive visitors from around the world with an average of 6-7000 page views each week," explained executive director, Joanne Ivancic. "We also participate as much as we can at conferences and policy briefings on issues relevant to transportation biofuels, feedstock and technology research, funding and sustainability," she noted.

"Our focus is on education of the general public, government leaders and decision-makers, as well as the media and the agriculture, fuels and investment communities," said Ivancic. "I'm thrilled that we have received this recognition which enables supporters to deduct from their taxes, donations they make to Advanced Biofuels USA. All of the work of this valuable organization is performed by unpaid volunteers. In order to take our work to the next level, we urgently need funds."

In addition to general operating funds (web site expenses, office supplies, Internet access, phone, rent and utilities, etc.), the organization needs funding for a number of special projects, for example:

- Development of a curriculum-based educational series for K-12 science classes to help students and teachers understand the basics of plants, algae and other organic materials and how they can be converted to advanced biofuels.
- Strategic planning workshops to design practical systems to bring a variety of geographic regions into the advanced biofuels market with participation by crop researchers, growers, biofuels producers, transportation entities, agricultural community organizations, agricultural marketing professionals and finance/agriculture insurance experts.
- Expanded online educational products such as webinars, educational videos, etc.

For more information about sponsoring specific projects or supporting the organization in general, contact Joanne Ivancic at 301-644-1395 or by email at info @ advancedbiofuelsusa.org.