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## **Community Fuels Awarded Over \$400,000 of Funding Through the USDA Bioenergy Program**

*Community Fuels among top 10 payments under the USDA Bioenergy Program*

**Encinitas, California, July 30, 2012** – Community Fuels was awarded \$426,878 through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today. The funding is provided through USDA’s Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels, which was established in the 2008 Farm Bill. Through this and other programs, USDA is working to support the research, investment and infrastructure necessary to build a biofuels industry that creates jobs and broadens the range of feedstocks used to produce renewable fuel. Said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, “These payments represent help to spur an alternative fuels industry using renewable feedstocks grown in America, broadening the range of feedstock options available to biofuels producers, helping to create an economy built to last.” As the market expands for home-grown renewable energy, American farmers and producers will create even more good-paying jobs that can’t be exported. USDA reported that the biofuels industry in the U.S. currently employs about 400,000 people and is expected to employ around a million people in the U.S. by 2022.

The payment earned by Community Fuels was among the top 10 payments under the program for biodiesel producers nationally. “We are encouraged by our continued progress in producing one of the highest quality biomass-based diesel fuels in the nation”, says Lisa Mortenson, CEO of American Biodiesel, Inc. which does business as Community Fuels. “Not only does our fuel meet the requirements of the USDA Bioenergy Program, it also meets the rigorous quality standards of multiple major oil companies and pipeline operators. Because our fuel is designed to be a high quality, renewable additive to diesel fuel, it can be cost-effectively and efficiently integrated with the nation’s diesel fuel supply. The funding through USDA is very important to our growing business and will be utilized immediately to support increased production volumes and the installation of additional equipment at our advanced bio-refinery.”

### **ABOUT COMMUNITY FUELS:**

American Biodiesel, Inc. does business as Community Fuels and is a *proven advanced biofuel producer*. We produce among the highest quality biomass-based diesel fuels available. Our bio-refinery, located at the Port of Stockton in California, was built using our proprietary technology and has been in continuous operation since 2008, making it one of the largest continuously operating advanced bio-refineries in the Western U.S. Our customers include major oil companies, petroleum refiners and some of the nation’s largest bulk fuel distributors. Our renewable fuel serves as a premium lubricity additive for diesel fuel, helps our customers meet a range of regulatory requirements, and reduces emissions relative to petroleum diesel. Please learn more at: [www.communityfuels.com](http://www.communityfuels.com).

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