

**Item 7.0: REE Energy Science Strategic Plan Implementation**  
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On September 5-6, 2007 USDA-REE held a planning session to begin the process of developing an Energy Science Strategic Plan to guide activities over the next 5 years. Some 100 people representing ARS, ERS, CSREES, OMB, university faculty attended this facilitated workshop. This was followed by an opportunity for broad input on the draft plan. The final [Plan](#) with its four major goals was posted in March on the REE website. The goals are:

- **Goal 1: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource-Based Energy Production**
- **Goal 2: Sustainable Bioeconomies for Rural Communities**
- **Goal 3: Efficient use of Energy and Energy Conservation**
- **Goal 4: Workforce Development for the Bioeconomy**

A second REE Energy Summit, September 29-30, 2008, focused on development of effective partnerships that will be essential in focusing key resources, human, physical as well as fiscal necessary to achieve the vision outlined in the Plan. This workshop also had broad participation from USDA, DOE, the universities and industry.

Part of the overall plan includes the Bio Energy Awareness Days (BEAD I and II) which have been held in Washington DC. The most recent event had broad participation from the Land Grant Universities.

Implementation of the Strategic Plan is a huge task. To this end there are 31 action teams working on various components of the plan. Each Goal is led by a team; each action team has various interested participants. Action teams have been meeting via conference calls and in some cases face to face meetings. As might be expected some groups are farther along than others. There is good university participation on the various action teams; however some people e.g. the EDs are working on more than one team.

| <b>Goal</b> | <b>Action Teams</b> | <b>LGU Participants</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>I</b>    | <b>14</b>           | <b>18</b>               |
| <b>II</b>   | <b>5</b>            | <b>8</b>                |
| <b>III</b>  | <b>9</b>            | <b>9</b>                |
| <b>IV</b>   | <b>5</b>            | <b>10</b>               |

We will be working to bring additional members to the actions teams in the coming year.

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