

Agricultural Research Service (USDA)

MIDWEST AREA BIOENERGY RESEARCH FORUM

Who should attend? Business leaders, owners and entrepreneurs,
Economic development groups and community leaders
University and industry representatives
Legislative representatives, **You!**

Illinois, perfectly situated as a center for Agricultural Biotechnology, is positioned to lead the country in its efforts toward a future biobased economy. Located in Peoria, the USDA ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR) is a research cornerstone of Illinois biotechnology leadership.

NCAUR is both a premier USDA Regional Research Center, and the administrative center of the eight-state Midwest Area of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). Within the Midwest Area is a broad scope of research including crop development, production, sustainability and conversion processes; while NCAUR has a long history in developing new technologies to convert agricultural commodities to bioproducts. Their success has earned the ARS Midwest Area and NCAUR a leadership role in USDA bioproducts and biofuels research and recognition by industry as a highly valued resource.

On July 18, 2008, NCAUR is hosting a first-of-its-kind ARS Bioenergy Research Forum. This one-day event is designed to:

- Highlight the challenges and opportunities of the bioenergy industry
- Showcase ARS Midwest Area Bioenergy technologies seeking partnerships
- Feature overall ARS research capacity in the bioenergy and biobased arena
- Recognize the role of partnerships in achieving success