



# Biorefinery Assistance Program Guaranteed Loan Score Sheet

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The Agency will score each eligible application that meets the minimum requirements for financial and technical feasibility, based on the 12 evaluation criteria identified below.

A minimum score of 40 points is required in order to be considered for a guarantee. The Agency will give priority to those applications with the highest scores above the minimum threshold. A maximum of 100 points is possible.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

G-loan amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Whether the borrower has established a market for the advanced biofuel and the byproducts produced.

A maximum of 5 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the business has less than or equal to a 50% commitment for feedstocks, marketing agreements for the advanced biofuel, and the byproducts produced, 0 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If the business has a greater than 50% commitment for feedstocks, marketing agreements for the advanced biofuel and the byproducts produced, 5 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 1 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Whether the area in which the borrower proposed to place the biorefinery has other similar advanced biofuel facilities.

A maximum of 5 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the biorefinery will be located in a trade area that has other advanced biofuel facilities, with area defined as "within the area supplying the feedstock," 0 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If the biorefinery will be located in a trade area that does not have other advanced biofuel facilities, with area defined as "within the are supplying the feedstock," 5 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 2 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Whether the borrower is proposing to use a feedstock not previously used in the production of advanced biofuels.

A maximum of 14 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the borrower proposed to use a feedstock previously used in the production of advanced biofuels in a commercial facility, 0 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If the borrower proposed to use a feedstock not previously used in production of advanced biofuels in a commercial facility, 14 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 3 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. Whether the borrower is proposing to work with producer associations or cooperatives.

A maximum of 5 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the borrower procurement or marketing agreements amount to less than or equal to 50% of annual feedstock and biofuel and byproduct dollars with producer associations or cooperatives, 0 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If the borrower procurement or marketing agreements amount to more than 50% of annual feedstock and biofuel and byproduct dollars with producer associations or cooperatives, 5 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 4 is at \_\_\_\_\_.



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5. The level of financial participation by the borrower, including support from non-Federal and private sources. Such financial participation may take the form of direct financial support, technical support, and contributions of in-kind resources including financial or other support from state or local government.

A maximum of 20 points can be awarded. Other direct Federal funding will not be considered as part of the borrower's cash equity participation. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the borrower's cash equity injection plus other sources is equal to or greater than 30%, but less than 40%, tangible balance sheet equity, 10 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If the borrower's cash equity injection plus other sources is equal to or greater than 40% tangible balance sheet equity, 20 points will be awarded.
- (iii) If a project uses other Federal direct funding, 10 points will be deducted.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 5 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Whether the borrower has established that the adoption of the process proposed in the application will have a positive impact on resource conservation, public health, and the environment.

A maximum of 9 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If process adoption will have a positive impact on resource conservation, 3 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If process adoption will have a positive impact on public health, 3 points will be awarded.
- (iii) If process adoption will have a positive impact on environment, 3 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 6 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Whether the borrower can establish that, if adopted, the biofuels production technology proposed in the application will not have any significant negative impacts on existing manufacturing plants or other facilities that use similar feedstocks.

A maximum of 5 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the borrower has not established, through an independent third party, that the biofuels production technology proposed in the application, if adopted, will not have any significant negative impacts on existing manufacturing plants or other facilities that use similar feed stocks, 0 points will be awarded.
- (ii) Applicant has established, through an independent third party, that the biofuels production technology proposed in the application, if adopted, will not have any significant negative impacts on existing manufacturing plants or other facilities that use similar feed stocks, 5 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 7 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The potential for rural economic development.

If the business creates jobs with an average wage that exceeds both the State and County median household wages, 3 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 8 is at \_\_\_\_\_.



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### 9. The level of local ownership proposed in the application.

A maximum of 13 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If local ownership is greater than 20%, with area defined as "within the area supplying the feedstock," up to 6 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If local ownership is greater than 50%, with area defined as "within the area supplying the Feedstock," 13 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 9 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

### 10. Whether the project can be replicated.

A maximum of 5 points can be awarded. Points to be awarded will be determined as follows:

- (i) If the project can be commercially replicated regionally (e.g. Northeast, Southwest, etc.), 2 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If the project can be commercially replicated nationally, up to 5 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 10 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

### 11. The extent to which the project converts cellulosic biomass feedstocks into advanced biofuels.

A maximum of 6 points can be awarded.

- (i) If 50% or less of the amount of advanced biofuels produced by the project is derived from cellulosic renewable biomass feedstocks, then 0 points will be awarded.
- (ii) If more than 50% of the amount of advanced biofuels produced by the project is from cellulosic renewable biomass feedstocks, then 6 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 11 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

### 12. If the project is a first-of-a-kind technology, system, or process,

10 points will be awarded.

Points  
Awarded

The location of the information in the application supporting the award of points for criteria 12 is at \_\_\_\_\_.

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Score – Page 2 = \_\_\_\_\_

Score – Page 3 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCORE = \_\_\_\_\_