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Section 9006 comments. Pandor

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From: WOMBAT Information [mailto:info@wombattech.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2002 4:24 PM
To: Hadjy, Pandor
Subject: Section 9006 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 response.

Dear Mr. Pandor:

I am writing to respond and comment on the Public Meeting on Implementation of Section 9006 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

Replies to the specific questions:

1.

- A wide range would allow users more combinations of options.
- Projects that utilize indigenous waste materials and purpose grown crops.
- Both have a place. It is important to use a diversified approach. Long proven technologies should be employed in the conservation and management of energy. New technologies could be used to increase the available supply of energy.

2.

- Grants are usually best for new technologies that need the funding but may be viewed by potential investors as high risk. Long existing technologies can benefit from a grant that lowers the over capital cost, produces instant equity, and can allow an end user with a lower interest loan that would otherwise be unavailable without such equity. Both are needed and in combination in some cases.

3.

- Projects that encourage rural Americans to collect the wealth of BTU's outside their doors. Combining it with other higher BTU products to make a useful, renewable, and environmentally friendly fuel that could be utilized locally to produce electrical power and further the cause of rural electrification.

- Utilize what is highest in BTUs, lowest in emissions, easiest to collect, in greatest abundance, and can be produced in a standard form, and transported safely. Where is that? I have some ideas if you please.

4.

- SBIR Phase 2 encourages matching and in many cases can be a determining factor in being granted Phase 2 funding. Joint ventures that include a consortium of Federal, State, Local, and private parties could pool resources to build a community Hybrid Fuel Center that would collect agricultural and forest products waste BTUs and product a fuel product that is high in BTUs, low emissions, and low in cost. Such a consortium could include the County Extension Service Coop Network, State Dept. of Environmental Quality, County and Municipal Solid Waste Groups, USDA, and private investors (local people and others).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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