



Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Wes Watkins Conference Center
Oklahoma State University

Annual State Conference

AGENDA

7:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast** (Lobby)
Poster Set-up (Exhibit Hall West)

PLENARY SESSION (AUDITORIUM)

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Jim Wicksted, Associate Director, OK EPSCoR
Jerry Malayer, State Director, OK EPSCoR

8:50 a.m. **“From Research to Demonstration – The Rentech BioEnergy Center of Excellence”**
Phil Weathers, Director of Operations, Rentech, Inc.

9:20 a.m. **“Overview of the U.S. Billion-ton Update”**
Matthew Langholtz, Natural Resource Economist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

9:50 a.m. **“The Advanced Research Projects Agency--
Energy: A New Paradigm in Transformational Energy Research”**
Chad Haynes, Science & Engineering Technology Advisor, DOE ARPA-E

10:20 a.m. **BREAK--10 MINUTES (LOBBY)**

10:30 a.m. **Panel Session: “Bioenergy Sustainability in Oklahoma & the Nation”** (Auditorium)
Moderator: Ray Huhnke, Professor, Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering, OSU
Chad Haynes, Science & Engineering Technology Advisor, DOE ARPA-E
Matthew Langholtz, Natural Resource Economist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Phil Weathers, Director of Operations, Rentech, Inc.

11:30 a.m. **NETWORKING LUNCHEON & GUEST SPEAKERS** (EXHIBIT HALL EAST)

12:15 p.m. **“Energy Research Directions at the National Science Foundation”** (Exhibit Hall East)
Kelvin Droegemeier, Member, National Science Board

12:45 p.m. **“NSF Funding Opportunities”** (Exhibit Hall East)
Uma D. Venkateswaran, Program Director, NSF EPSCoR

1:00 p.m. **BREAK--15 MINUTES (LOBBY)**

1:15 p.m. **Student Hybrid Poster Competition, 3-Minute Oral Presentations** (Auditorium)
Moderator: Lance Lobban, Academic Director & Professor
School of Chemical, Biological & Materials Engineering, OU
Student Presenters: See Program

2:30 p.m. **Poster Session Social & Student Competition Poster Judging** (Exhibit Hall West)

3:45 p.m. **Poster Awards Presentation** (Auditorium)

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**