

September 19, 2013

Director William Brown Tennessee – University of Tennessee 2621 Morgan Cir 103 Morgan Hall Knoxville, TN 37996–4506

Dear Director Brown:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project S-1041 – The Science and Engineering for a Biobased Industry and Economy beginning October 01, 2013 through September 30, 2018.

NIFA concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

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Accountability and Reporting Leader

for Meryl Broussard

Deputy Director, NIFA

For all other project and program concerns, please contact us at 202-720-0747 or email bhewitt@NIFA.usda.gov