The BioPreferred Program is a mandatory Federal government program that technical, acquisition, and purchase card holders are required to use. It is a program that has national impact ranging from reduced reliance on foreign oil, fostering energy independence, helping farmers, creating jobs, to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Department of Defense Deputy Secretary Lynn in a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture emphasized the importance of the BioPreferred Program and DOD’s strong support of it.

Two laws, Presidential Executive Orders 13514 and 13423, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation require the procurement and use of biobased products. In fact, EO 13514 ensures that 95 percent of all new contracts and contract modifications for products and services are biobased.

The Deputy Program Manager of the Program will discuss the latest on the BioPreferred Program – the Federal preference program and the certified labeling Program. She will discuss and present tools and resources available to you that have already been developed that you can use easily. Free web based training, and classroom training are available. Model biobased contract language for construction, facilities and operations, janitorial, vehicle maintenance, and food services contracts are ready for you to use. A life cycle guide and checklist specially created for biobased products are accessible on the web site. Reporting tools and technologies such as FedBizOpps synopses, procurement forecast and other easy tools have already been created.

There are DOD bases that are using biobased products. Pope Air Force Base in the Aerospace Ground Equipment and Propulsion shops is using biobased products for spills of hydraulic fluids and engine oils. Naval Air Depot Cherry Point is using biobased products in machining applications. Many more DOD success stories will be shared.

This session will be practical and hands on. Implementation of the BioPreferred Program can be made easy.