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Chris Roach, Director of Project Development  
Roeslein Alternative Energy, LLC  
9200 Watson Road, Suite 200  
Saint Louis, MO 63126

Reference: U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001179 entitled, "Landscape Design for Sustainable Bionergy Systems"

Subject: Letter of Support for Proposed Project entitled, "Design and Demonstration of a Multifunctional Landscape Design for Sustainable Production of Biogas from Anaerobically Digested Native Perennial Grassland Feedstocks," Roeslein Alternative Energy, LLC Proposal

Dear Mr. Roach:

The Missouri Department of Agriculture wishes to express support for the aforementioned proposal being submitted by Roeslein Alternative Energy, LLC.

The mission of the Missouri Department of Agriculture is to serve, promote, and protect the agricultural producers, processors, and consumers of Missouri's food, fuel, and fiber products. Additionally, one of our main areas of focus is environmental stewardship.

Whether it be from an animal welfare or crop perspective, fostering environmental stewardship is essential to the future of our industry, and our world. Many of our producers already use efficient and sustainable practices in their operation. However, it is critical that we continue to advance the use of such practices by not only understanding and implementing agriculture stewardship, but also by communicating those successes with the public. The proposed project both advances the mission of the Department and enhances environmental sustainability.

Missouri agriculture continues to be the state's number one industry because of the hard work and innovative advancements pursued by individuals and organizations across the state. This project is one of those that approaches an agriculture challenge with an innovative solution.



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Utilizing native grasses and cover crops in the anaerobic digestion system will aid in the restoration of millions of acres of native grassland in Missouri, much of which is currently highly erodible. Cover crops are an excellent way to improve the landscape of millions of acres of prime agricultural land. This approach provides not only a notable improvement to land quality, but also a sustainable example that can be implemented by others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Fordyce".

Richard Fordyce  
Director  
Missouri Department of Agriculture