# ****Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) Meeting: May 29-30, 2012****

**Plenary Meeting**

US Access Board Conference Room

1331 F Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC  20004-1111

**Provisional Agenda**

**Meeting Objectives:**

* consider final reports from the four AC21 working groups on analyses relevant to the overall AC21 charge;
* discuss potential economic impacts on farmers from the escape of certain genetically engineered crops with functional traits;
* continue to explore committee members’ views related to the Committee charge in order to identify areas of agreement as well as differences and to prepare for development of a draft report.

**Day 1**

8:30—Coffee Available

9:00-9:30—Welcome and review of charge and agenda

* Dr. Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, USDA
* Mr. Russell Redding, Chairperson

9:30-9:50—Report from Working Group on Size and Scope of Risks and committee discussion

9:50-10:10-- Report of Working Group on Tools and Standards to Verify Eligibility and Losses and committee discussion

10:10-10:25--Break

10:25-10:45— Report of Working Group on Potential Compensation Mechanisms and committee discussion

10:45-11:05—Report of Who Pays? Working Group and committee discussion

11:05-12:10--General committee discussion on progress of working groups and suggestions on new ways to move toward consensus

12:10-1:30—Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2:15—Presentation and discussion on potential implications of increased use of GE crops carrying functional traits---TBD

2:15-3:00—Discussion of outcomes from working groups and review of level of consensus at last AC21 plenary

3:00-3:15—Break

3:15-5:00—Public Comments

5:00—Adjourn for the Day

**Day II**

8:30—Coffee available

9:00-9:20—Welcome and Reflections on Day I—Chair

9:20-10:10—Discussion of ideas for framing the report to the Secretary

10:10-10:30--Break

10:30-11:30—Integration of the conclusions so far from the working groups

11:30-12:30—Exploring for possible new areas of consensus

12:30-1:45--Lunch

1:45-2:45—Clarifying how to discuss the analyses of potential compensation mechanisms in the draft report and how to incorporate response to the third element of the Secretary’s charge

3:00-3:30—Review of timelines and opportunities for member input prior to the next plenary session

3:30-3:45—Closing Remarks and Adjournment